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More than $2 billion of emergency aid is needed this year for 20 African nations hit by drought and civil war, according to Mr James Grant, executive director of the UN children's Fund. But a Unicef appeal had raised only $21 million so far

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Coal 'talks about talks' fail to produce agenda

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

The pit peace process faltered again last night after informal talks between miners' leaders and the National Coal Board failed to yield an acceptable joint agenda for negotiations.

The full executive of the National Union of Mineworkers has been called into emergency session in London today after national officials called for an immediate resumption of negotiations without preconditions.

Mr Arthur Scargill, the union's president, called for a "positive response" from the board to new proposals from the strikers.

But the board adopted a more cautious tone, reiterating its insistence that before full-scale negotiations could begin the miners must indicate their readiness to talk about the closure of "uneconomic" pits.

This they signally failed to do in a preliminary round of "talks about talks" between Mr Peter Heathfield, the union's general secretary, and Mr Merrick Spanton, the board member for personnel, lasting three hours at a secret location in the West End of London.

The purpose of this face-to-face meeting was to draw up an agenda for full-scale negotiations, possibly beginning tomorrow, that would involve the union talking about the closure of uneconomic capacity.

Mr Michael Eaton, the board's chief spokesman, said that he had hoped the "talks about talks" would form the basis of real grounds for negotiation. "But they have not", he added. "And I am disappointed".

The issue of uneconomic pits was raised during yesterdays joint session, but only by the board and there was no positive response from the union. Whether this represents the union's final bargaining position is not clear. The 26-man executive could take a more flexible line today.

Mr Heathfield went from the meeting with the board to Congress House for discussions with Mr Scargill and Mr Norman Willis, general secretary of the TUC.

Less than an hour later the miners' president emerged to give this statement: "At today's meeting between the NUM and the NCB, the union tabled a number of new initiatives which we believe could provide the basis and help to resolve the present industrial dispute.

"Both sides have agreed to report back to the full board and the union's national executive.

"The NUM has sent the board a letter seeking an immediate resumption of formal negotiations to be held without preconditions.

"Our full national executive committee will be meeting tomorrow morning and will be standing by ready to participate in talks this week. We hope the coal board will respond positively."

This statement, reiterating the union's hard-line policy on how the negotiations should be structured, rang alarm bells in coal board headquarters.

Senior managers confined themselves to a terse comment, saying: "The NCB at informal talks in London today invited the NUM to submit proposals for settling the dispute, taking into account the principal issue of uneconomic capacity. The NUM general secretary said he would consult with his colleagues and the board await his reply."

By late yesterday evening the board was still saying that it had not yet received Mr Scargill's letter. As the uncertainty grew, there was no further statement from the union

The only reliable pointer that emerged from the propaganda exchanges was that both sides want the peace process to continue, but on their own terms.

The board last night reported that another 194 strikers had gone back to work, confirming the slowdown evident at the beginning of the week in the numbers of men abandoning the stoppage. But if the talks fail again a fresh surge back to work is expected.

'No surrender' picket, page 2



Mr Tebbit unveiling the White Paper on investor protection yesterday (Photograph: Bill Warhurst).

Trident cost jumps by £1,400m

By Anthony Bevins
Political Correspondent

The cost of the Trident nuclear deterrent has jumped by £1,400 million to £10,700 million since last June – £200 million a month – the Ministry of Defence revealed yesterday.

With 45 per cent of the Trident budget to be spent in the United States, the falling pound has driven the price of the project sky-high and government embarrassment was underlined by Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence in the House of Commons.

Mr Heseltine provoked all-round laughter when he told MPs that his latest cost calculations assumed an exchange rate of $1.38 to the pound, giving an "updated" estimate of £9,285 million.

Whitehall sources said afterwards that the minister's figures were based on June's exchange rate. The subsequent fall of 28 cents in the value of the pound added a further £1,400 million to the bill.

The September 1980 estimate for the Trident system, based on an exchange rate of $2.36, was £6,000 million. One year later, with the pound at $1.78 the cost rose to £7,500 million.

Undoubtedly, the rocketing cost of the project is causing some disquiet on the Conservative benches, but Mr Heseltine yesterday dealt robustly with criticism from Mr Denzil Davies, Labour's defence spokesman, who questioned the need for the project when no rational person could ever contemplate using it.

Mr Heseltine replied: "Are we to gather that the nuclear weapons which his government thought so necessary were somehow usable, when the Trident programme is not?"

It is now thought that the first Trident boat, which is expected to be ordered later this year, will take over from one of the Polaris submarines towards the end of the decade

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3 charged with Kent killing

Three people were remanded in police custody last night charged with the murder of Det Constable John Fordham, a Scotland Yard undercover officer, on Saturday.

After a 45-minute hearing at a special court in Dartford, the three were returned to Metropolitan Police stations in Kent for further questioning.

Mr Kenneth Noye, aged 37, appeared in court with his wife Brenda, 35, and Bryan Reader, 45. The couple's address was given as Hollywood Cottage, West Kingsdown, Kent.

After the three were taken away, Mrs Lynn Reader, 41, was remanded in police custody for three days charged with dishonestly handling a stolen quantity of cash.

Oxford votes to snub Thatcher

By Lucy Hodges
Education Correspondent

Oxford dons threw tradition to the wind and delivered a strong rebuke to Mrs Margaret Thatcher and her education policies when they voted yesterday by 738 votes to 319 to stop her being awarded an honorary degree.

This is the first time an Oxford-educated Prime Minister has been rejected by his or her alma mater and it is a measure of how deeply academics feel about Government cuts in education spending. One speaker said Mrs Thatcher was responsible for actions which seriously jeopardized the central purpose for which the university existed.

More than 1,000 dons crowded into the Sheldonian Theatre to hear some impassioned speeches at the special meeting of Congregation, the university's parliament. It lasted two hours and had to be cut short. Six other people were awarded honorary degrees on the nod, including President Sandro Pertini of Italy.



The only other person since the war to be rejected for such a degree was President Bhuto of Pakistan in 1975.

Professor Denis Noble, a Fellow of the Royal Society and Professor of Physiolgy, whose speech won long and loud applause, said that Mrs Thatcher knew and had been warned that scientists were extremely alarmed and deeply worried about what was happening.

"This may be the last chance for any serious academic institution to stop the catastrophe that we face as a scientific and educational nation," he said. "In two or three years' time it will be too late."

On top of the cuts there was chaos, he added. The research councils were faced with not knowing from week to week how much they had to spend. This was simply unbelievable.

Earlier Professor Peter Pulzer, Gladstone Professor of Government and Public Administration, took issue with Sir Patrick Neill, Warden of

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Kinnock censure motion

Opposition forces economy debate

By Julian Haviland, Political Editor

The Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer have been obliged by the weakness of sterling and the raising of interest rates to 14 per cent to appear in the Commons tomorrow to defend their management of the British economy.

They will be there at the instance of Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, who yesterday with his colles tabled the first motion of censure of the present Parliament.

Labour's move against the Government was announced by Mr kinnock after a lively question time, in which he accused Mrs Margaret Thatcher and Mr Nigel Lawson of bungling management and of causing chaos by their policies.

The terms of the Labour motion, tabled shortly afterwards, censured the Government for "gross mismanagement of the British economy, which has led to the highest real interest rates, the worst manufacturing trade deficit, and the highest level of unemployment in the history of Great Britain".

Mr Kinnock will open the assault, and Mr Roy Hattersley, Labour's deputy leader and Shadow Chancellor, will wind up for the Opposition.

As convention required, the Government responded at once by changing Commons business to dispose of the motion at the earliest possible date, and by matching the Opposition speakers with ministers of equivalent rank. The debate on the RAF, previously arranged for tomorrow, was postponed.

In yesterday's preliminary bout, Mrs Thatcher was unmoved by Mr Kinnock's vigourous accusations. He began by saying the Government had in turn opposed higher interest rates and market intervention to defend the pound, had tried them and had found they did not work. What was the Prmne Minister going to do now?

Mrs Thatcher recalled that Mr Kinnock had recently described speculation against sterling as irresponsible and irrational. She hoped he thought the same now, and thought the Government's corrective action well-judged.

Mr Kinnock said it was she, not he, who believed in the market system. Her strategy was coming apart at the seams.

The exchanges persuaded MPs that the half-promised tax cuts were now looking insubstantial. Mrs Thatcher emphasized that the Government's defensive action had imposed

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Engineers defy TUC on cash for ballots

By Barrie Clement
Labour Reporter

Members of Britain's second biggest union have voted by 12 to one to accept government money for internal elections.

More than 31 per cent of the 800,000 members who were sent ballot papers by the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers (AUEW) voted with 233,030 choosing to accept the cash and only 19,793 deciding agianst.

Mr Norman Willis, general secretary of the Trades Union Congress yesterday refused to comment on what will be seen as an overwhelming rebuttal of the labour movement's insistence that the cash should not be accepted.

Mr Terry Duffy, president of the AUEW, said that the union would be applying immediately for around £1 million in retrospective payments due to the union under the Trade Union Act, 1984. The engineers would also requesting around £400,000 each year from now on to cover its traditional method of electing officials.

He said that the union would fight attempts by the TUC to discipline them.

The union's fight could result in suspension or expulsion from congress a measure which will be discussed next month

Both the engineers and the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union are applying for reimbursement before the deadline of February 4. Payments can be retrospective to 1980.

Opposition to the "rebel" unions' stance is by no means unanimous. The British Airline Pilots' Association, Union of Communication Workers, the construction workers' union, and ASTMS, the white collar union, have all signalled that they are prepared to come to terms with parts of recent trade union legislation, and the TUC has been under some pressure to call a special conference on the issue.

Mr Duffy said yesterday that his union had no desire to "fall out" with the TUC. "There is nothing immoral or wrong in taking the money. The TUC can act in an advisory capacity, but we comply with the wishes of our members".

Tougher rules will protect investors

The Government yesterday unveiled a long-awaited White Paper proposing tighter rules to protect investors and tougher penalties for crimes and sharp practice, Philip Robinson writes.

However, Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said the changes would not rule out further scandals. "It would be a brave man who could say that the rules could prevent any scandal of a particular kind", he said.

Investors will be protected by a mass of regulations designed to weed out unfit and financially suspect advisers. Policing of the rules will be left to two boards, one covering firms which buy and sell shares and other investments; the other governing the way investments are sold to the public.

Advisers not licensed by either of the boards will be operating illegally, although they can appeal to a government-backed tribunal whose word will be final.

The boards will be staffed by a majority of people from the City and will be given legal backing.

Investors who lose money when a company collapses will be protected by a compensation fund

The new scheme will cost £5 million to £6 million a year, all of which will be borne by the City and investors themselves through a share dealing levy and higher fees.

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US cautious on Moscow war treaty

By Henry Stanhope
Diplomatic Correspondent

A Soviet draft treaty on the non-use of force was given a cautious welcome last night by the United States representative to the Stockholm Conference on Disarmament in Europe.

The representative, Mr James Goodby, criticized the language of the draft, but welcomed the fact that the Russians were ready to start detailed discussions. Nato's proposals would be presented soon.

The widely-predicted draft treaty, presented yesterday at the reopening of the conference by the Soviet representative, Mr Oleg Grinevsky, obliges all signatories not to be the first to take up arms, nuclear or conventional, against each other or against any third party.

● WASHINGTON: Mr Caspar Weinberger, the US Defence Secretary, said yesterday that differences between the United States and the Soviet Union about linkage between the three sets of arms talks to open in Geneva on March 12 must be solved (Nicholas Ashford writes).

The US wants accords to be signed as points of agreement are reached, but the Soviet side wants to conclude a pact only when agreement has been reached in all three talks.

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Ridley in new row over Bill

By Richard Evans
Lobby Reporter

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Transport, was at the centre of another political row last night for deciding to legislate his way round a recent unfavourable High Court judgment involving a wrongful demand of £50 million from the Greater London Council.

He was accused in the Commons of "shameless arrogance and political chicanery" by Mr Peter Snape, a Labour transport spokesman, who described Mr Ridley's decision to avoid complying with the court ruling as a "constitutional outrage."

Earlier this month Mr Ridley was found to be "unlawful, irrational and procedurally improper" in taking about £50 million more than he should have done from the GLC for the new London Regional Transport Authority.

Mr Ridley told MPs the court judgment was contrary to the interest of ratepayers and LRTs passengers, and a new Bill was needed to ensure the original purpose of the London Regional Transport Act was carried out.

Mr Snape, said if a Labour minister had acted in the same cavalier way he would have been torn to pieces by Fleet Street.

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Government to forestall MPs' revolt on Stansted

By Our Political Editor

The Government yesterday took emergency action to try to draw the sting from tonight's expected demonstration by up to 100 of its own supporters who oppose the proposed development of Stansted, in Essex, as London's third international airport.

In an exercise for which no precedent could be found, ministers and their parliamentary private secretaries were told not to vote when the anti-Stansted alliance of Conservative and Opposition MPs divide the Commons tonight. Unless there is an extraordinary failure by the Opposition parties to appear, the anti-Stansted forces will force the adjournment of the House and claim a victory.

Ministers, who saw no hope of mustering the strength to win a vote, were yesterday hoping that by declaring in advance that there was no contest, they might minimize their embarrassment

On Monday they took another step to downgrade today's debate by changing the two-line whip to their supporters, which says that attendance is "essential", to a one-line whip, which merely requests an MP's attendance and is in fact an invitation to potential rebels, to take the evening off.

A more palpable and potentially more awkward defeat is in prospect next week, when MPs will be asked to approve a ministerial order imposing excess charges on the Thames Water Authority, which serves about a quarter of the English electorate.

'Water tax', page 2

Four held in London sent back to Syria

Four Arabs, held by the Metropolitan Police under the Prevention of Terrorism Act for the past week were deported to Syria yesterday.

A Home Office spokesman said Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, had personally certified the deportation because the men's presence in Britain was "not conducive to the public good".

An official from the Syrian Embassy is understood to have visited the four men before they were sent back to Damascus. The Foreign Office said it did not interfere in the case

Heseltine aide gives evidence in camera

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Reporter

The private secretary to Mr Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, yesterday gave evidence in camera for most of the second day of the trial of Clive Ponting, the official accused of breaching the Official Secrets Act 1911 by passing papers on the Belgrano incident to an MP.

Mr Ponting, aged 38, an assistant secretary at the Minister of Defence, has pleaded not guilty at the Central Criminal Court to a breach of Section two of the Act. He is accused of passing to Mr Tam Dalyell, Labour MP for Linlithgow, a draft of replies to questions by the MP on the Belgrano's sinking, and also a paper by another Defence official on how to handle questions from a Commons select committee on the sinking.

Yesterday, for more than four hours behind closed doors, Mr Richard Mottram, Mr Heseltine's private secretary, gave evidence on the "crown jewels" which the court has been told is the nickname for a classified definitive account of the Belgrano sinking. It was prepared by Mr Ponting for Mr Heseltine, last year.

Mr Roy Amlot, counsel for the prosecution, who called Mr Mottram as a crown witness, said the civil servant would continue his evidence in open court today, and there were no further plans for the proceedings to go into camera again.

Earlier, before the court was closed, Mr Mottram told the jury that the "crown jewels" were prepared after questions about the Belgrano from Mr Denzil Davies, Labour spokesman on defence, to the Prime Minister, and then questions by Mr Dalyell in a letter to Mr Heseltine.

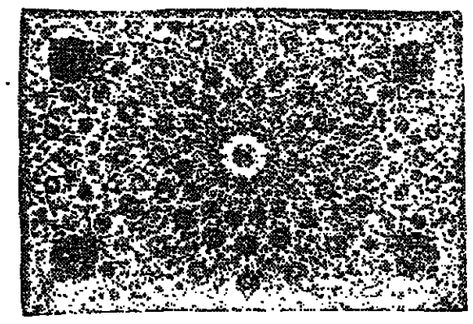
Mr Ponting was asked to consider replies to Mr Davies and drew up two alternatives. One admitted the Belgrano has been seen on May 1, the day before it was sunk, and the other did not. Mr Ponting, in a covering note said the new date did not breach any operational or intelligence restraints but went against a number of statements already made.

After the letter from Mr Dalyell was received Mr Mottram said the Secretary of State decided he would not advise the Prime Minister on her reply or answer Mr Dalyell until all the facts had been set out before him.

At the start of the day, Mr Justice McCowan agreed with a request from Mr Bruce Laughland, QC, appearing for Mr Pontin, that the defendant should sit near him and not in

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British Rail tells unions jobs are at risk over lost freight business

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

British Rail yesterday told union leaders that thousands of jobs were at risk because of mounting losses in its freight business and indicated that staff cuts would start soon unless the unions indicated a willingness to implement controversial productivity improvements.

The immediate problem of the unions' blacking of coal and iron ore was shelved at the meeting between the three rail unions and the management, in the hope that there will be an early resolution of the mining dispute. But Mr Bob Reid, chairman of British Rail, told the unions that a further £48 million loss in the freight business has been identified on top of revenue losses which will amount to £215 million by the end of the month.

Both sides are due to reconvene in three weeks, when British Rail expects the unions to indicate an acceptance of two productivity items outstanding since the shopping list of six new working methods was drawn up more than five years ago.

The deepening crisis on the railways is reflected in the unions and management recording a failure to agree recently on the two items, with the addition of a third. In terms of negotiating machinery that means that the two sides will probably make one last attempt to reach agreement, or refer the disputed points to Lord McCarthy's arbitration tribunal.

Mr Reid told the unions yesterday that it was vital to press ahead with the removal of guards from freight trains and the removal of the second man in the cabs for shunting work in depots and round stations. In addition the board is seeking agreement for the removal of guards on more passenger trains.

It had been thought that the argument over productivity would surface during the annual pay negotiations in the next two months, but Mr Reid told the unions that the losses in the freight business were so serious that action had to be taken immediately.

He apparently reminded them that 40,000 of the 140,000 jobs on the railways depended on freight and the job losses in prospect would be much higher than the 600 at risk if the blacking of coal movements continued.

Mr John Palette, British Rail's managing director for personnel, said after yesterday's meeting of the Rail Council that there was an urgent need to cut costs in running trains, diagramming train movements and manning depots. He said that it was inevitable in talks about those issues that the management would discuss staff numbers with the unions.

British Rail is concerned about the impact on its business made by road hauliers, who have taken over coal and iron ore movements on a large scale. Managers say that the railways need to reduce their costs to match the efficiency of road haulage and become more competitive.

The management team told the unions that if there was a breakdown in the miners' peace talks the Rail Council would be reconvened within 48 hours, when the loss of the 600 jobs would be high on the agenda.

Mr Jimmy Knapp, general secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, said after the meeting that the unions were concerned about losses in the freight business but were not prepared to halt their support for the miners until it was clear that there was a settlement.

Whitehall pay lure to attract 'high flyers'

By David Walker
Social Policy Correspondent

The Government is planning a controversial new programme of recruitment to the Civil Service in an effort to compensate for Whitehall's failure to get enough of the "best and brightest" of Britain's university graduates.

Figures for 1984, not yet officially released, show that of 100 places in the Inspectorate of Taxes, open only to graduates with high class degrees, 55 candidates of sufficient calibre were found although 70 people had applied for each available place.

Figures for the administration trainee scheme, people who in theory will move eventually into senior jobs in Whitehall, were slightly more impressive. There were 66 vacancies and 58 candidates were thought good enough to be offered positions, although it is not clear how many of these will take up the offers.

A spokesman for the Cabinet Office's Manpower and Personnel Office yesterday acknowledged "official concern, if these trends continue".

In response the government has decided to open up the main promotion grade for high fliers, the position of HEO (D), to entrants, between the ages of 26 and 32. That way entrants to the Civil Service might be attracted by the higher salary offered for that grade.

But the move has brought opposition from the union representing executive officers. The Society of Civil and Public Servants says the new scheme will block promotion prospects for junior officials.

Mr Campbell Christie, the union's deputy general secretary, said that recruitment shortfalls were caused by the Government's failure since 1980 to uprate Civil Service pay in line with comparable jobs in the private sector.

Last year there were significant gaps in Whitehall's intake of specialists as well as general Civil Servants and tax inspectors. Barely half the number of economists and two thirds the number of statisticians wanted by Whitehall were recruited.

The First Division Asssociation, representing higher grade Civil Servants, said the Government had said that recruitment was a prime factor in deciding pay levels and appeared consistently to have ignored the point.

The latest figures are specially disappointing to the Civil Service Commission, which oversees recruitment into Whitehall. Its members have recently been on a number of tours around provincial universities trying to convince undergraduates that there was a demand for bright candidates outside the traditional Oxbridge mould.

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Mrs Speers, who was blindfolded and chained by abductors but freed herself after 31 hours.

£100,000 ransom woman flees kidnappers

From Richard Ford
Dublin

The wife of a Northern Ireland businessman, held hostage for 31 hours for a £100,000 ransom, fled from her armed abductors yesterday and returned to her home in Co Armagh.

Mrs Bernadette Speers, aged 37, a part-time teacher, freed herself from a door to which she had been tied blindfold with her feet chained since being kidnapped from the family home on Sunday.

No money was handed over for the release of Mrs Speers, who last night was planning a short holiday after being reunited with her husband, Patrick, a car dealer.

Meanwhile 100 miles away in Dublin, a terrorist gang is suspected of escaping with Ir£70,000 from a city centre bank after kidnapping its manager's family. Last night the family was released unharmed.

Mrs Speers was abducted after a masked man armed with a hand gun held her husband at gunpoint demanding £100,000 when they returned to their home on the outskirts of Armagh city on Sunday.

When Mr Speers was unable to produce the cash, the men bound and gagged his wife, took her to a waiting car and warned Mr Speers that if the Royal Ulster Constabulary were told, he would not see his wife again.

She had been taken to an isolated shed in the Armagh area, bound to a door and left alone for long periods apart from visits by her abductor who gave her cigarettes, tea and toast.

Throught Monday night as she lay alone, Mrs Speers worked to escape from her bonds and somehow freed herself and stumbled to a main road where she was picked up early yesterday by an RUC patrol.

Gold find may be Heathrow bullion

By Richard Dowden

Detectives investigating the £26 million gold bullion robbery at Heathrow in 1983 disclosed yesterday that they had discoved 11 kilogrammes of gold which they believe may be part of the stolen bullion, at a house in the Home Counties.

Armed police also raided houses in London and the South-west at dawn yesterday and detained 10 men and two women in connection with the robbery. A police spokesman said that several arrests had been made and charges would be made soon.

Assistant Commissioner John Dellow of Scotland Yard said that about 11 kilogrammes of gold worth between £60,000 and £80,000 had been found in the grounds of a house in the South east. Police scientists are testing it to determine whether it is part of the gold stolen from the Brinks-Mat warehouse at Heathrow.

After monts of surveillance and inquiry into the Brinks-Mat robbery, police from Scotland Yard several regional crime squads swooped on houses in London, Bath and Bristol.

Mr Dellow said that the opration was continuing. Proper was removed from several addresses.

Armed officers broke down the door of a house at Lansdown, Bath, and arrested a man. At Litton, near Bristol, police closed roads for almost an hour as they raided a large house in the village.

The theft of gold bars, diamonds, travellers cheques and other valuables from the Brinks Mat warehouse was the biggest robbery in Britain.

The gang thought by police to number between three and six doused warehouse staff with a mixture of petrol and water and threatened to set fire to them if they did not open the vault.

Supplies of blood hit by weather

By Alan Hamilton

Bad weather has caused a shortage of blood supplies in the National Blood Transfusion Service and forced London hospitals to make emergency appeals for donors in two serious wounding cases in the past week.

Fellow police officers had to give blood at King's College Hospital, south-east London, six days ago when PC George Hammond required a transfusion of 120 pints after being stabbed. On Monday, 45 policemen again responded to an emergency appeal when Mr Steven Hindley, a shoe shop assistant, was rushed to Westminster Hospital, after a stabbing incident. Mr Hindley died soon afterwards.

Officials of the blood transfusion service in London reported yesterday that because of bad weather and the aftermath of the Christmas holidays, many regular blood donors had not been keeping their appointments, and stocks had fallen below normal levels.

But news of the emergency appeal for PC Hammond clearly pricked many consciences, and supplies have been rising in the past few days. The North-East Thames transfusion centre based at Brentwood, and serving a large area of the capital, reported yesterday that its number of daily donors had risen to 140 from an average of 110.

"If all regular donors would turn up when they are called twice a year, there would be no shortage of supplies", a spokesman said.

Britain has about two million regular don ors.

Prison for sending computers to East

From Patricia Clough, Winchester

A businessman who illegally exported more than £2 million worth of high technology equipment to Eastern Europe to finance "an almost insane passion" to build a great computer design bureau was jailed for three years by Winchester Crown Court yesterday.

Bryan Vernon Williamson, aged 53, of Ringwood, Hampshire, pleaded guilty to 14 charges of exporting or attempting to export eight computers, spare parts and attachments to Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria, knowing that their sale was banned because of American fears that they could be used for military purposes. He also pleaded guilty to forgery in order to obtain an export licence.

His technical director, Christopher Albert Carrigan, aged 43, of Bransgore, Hampshire, was jailed for 18 months for his part in some of the exports. He admitted eight charges.

Their arrest followed American investigations and pressure on allies to clamp down, in spite of the view in European countries that many of the computers are of no significant military use.

Professor Anthony John Sannes, head of computer science at the Royal Military College of Science, said that one of the computers, a VAX 11-780, exported to a hospital in Sofia, Bulgaria, could be used alone with other parts as a military command control system. It could also help the communist countries to improve their own high technology.

But Professor David William Barron, head of computer studies at Southampton University, said that the Soviet Union seemed to have computers of equal power and it might not make sense to copy it. "It would also probably have to write their own programmes for it and it might take months".

Both experts agreed that other computers which Williamson and Carrigan had attempted to export, 10-year-old PDP 1134s, were outdated and superseded by much better and stronger models.

Mr Patrick Back, QC, for Williamson, said that exporting to the Eastern bloc was the only means the accused had of rescuing his floundering company, Datalec, in Wimborne, Dorset. He had borrowed £402,000 to set it up.

"Tragically he was bitten by an almost insane passion to build up a great organization . . . but it all turned to naught", Mr Black said.

Williamson and Carrigan had assured themselves that the computers were being used for purely civilian purposes,

Support for 'water-tax' opponents

By Our Social Policy Correspondent

Mr Roy Watts, the Thames Water Authority chairman who has accused the Government of trying to "tax tap water", yesterday received support for his position from the Comptroller and Auditor General, the Government's official accountant.

Mr Watts demanded a parliamentary debate over a government order that Thames increases its profits during 1985-86 by putting up water charges by around 12 per cent. He said that to run Thames Water efficiently only a 3 per cent increase was needed.

Now in a report on the way the Government monitors the water authorities, the Comptroller and Auditor General has raised doubts about the way the Treasury and the Department of the Environment sets financial targets.

"It appeared to me that the industry might employ its monopoly position to set its charges at levels which would ensure achievement of the financial targets without stimulating improvement or efficiency", the comptroller, Mr Gordon Downey, said.

However, the comptroller's report went against Mr Watts' ideas of managerial independence.

Stepmother of Edward Heath took overdose

Mrs May Heath, the stepmother of Mr Edward Heath, former Conservative Prime Minister, killed herself with a massive drug overdose, an inquest at Broadstairs, Kent, decided yesterday.

Mrs Heath, aged 63, the third wife of Mr William Heath, had lived alone at Villiers House, Francis Road, Broadstairs, since the death of her husband.

Dr Malcolm Farley, a consultant pathologist, told the inquest that he found at least 10 times the toxic dose of an hypnotic sleeping tablet in Mrs Heath's blood and at least 18 times the normal therapeutic dose of sleeping tablets in the stomach contents.

Miss Rebecca Cobb, the coroner, accepted that the cause of death was a drug overdose and recorded a verdict of suicide.

The Times overseas selling prices
Austria Sch 29; Belgium 8 frs 50; Canada $2.75; Canaries Pes 170; Cyprus 700 mils; Denmark Dkr 9.00; Finland Mkk 8.00; France Frs 7.00; Germany DM 3.50; Greece Dr 120; Holland Gl 3.50; Irish Republic 40p; Italy L 2200; Luxembourg Lf 38; Madeira Esc 125; Morocco Dir 8.00; Norway Kr 8.50; Pakistan Rps 18; Portugal Esc 125; Singapore $6.50; Spain Pes 170; Sweden Skr 8.50; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Tunisia Din 0.700; USA $1.75; Yugoslavia Din 150

3,000 miners in 'no surrender' protest

From Craig Seton, Brampton Brierlow

More than 3,000 miners staged the first mass picket of strikers for more than two months at Cortonwood colliery, South Yorkshire, yesterday in a "no surrender" demonstration of support for Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers.

Five strikers, including a Cortonwood picket were arrested in scuffles with hundreds of police officers who donned riot gear when they were stoned by the gathering crowd.

Police said that the strikers were given four public warnings by a senior officer before their men put on protective helmets with visors and took up riot shields outside the colliery entrance.

Only 22 out of more than 800 miners at the pit are working but they left the colliery after the day shift safely in spite of the large crowd.

The demonstration apparently took the police by surprise and was a show of strength deliberately timed to coincide with the "talks about talks" which started yesterday in London between the NUM and the National Coal Board.

The strikers, mainly from the Yorkshire and Nottinghamshire coalfields, made it clear that it was to show that in spite of reports to the contrary they could still mount a mass

- An underground fire at the Frances colliery in Fife, was last night threatening the only production face at the pit. Emergency teams of working miners and NUM members allowed below ground were attempting to damp down the overheated face.
- Four striking miners, who took part in an affray in the West Midlands pit village of Keresley, near Coventry, in which a number of policemen were attacked, were jailed yesterday at Warwick Crown Court.

John Bell, aged 44, Colin Ward, aged 27, Dennis Evans, aged 29, and William Jackson aged 34, all of Keresley, were found guilty of affray. Each was sentenced to eight months in jail, with all but six weeks suspended.

Leslie Ward, aged 22, of Bedworth, Warwickshire, was cleared of affray on the judge's direction, but was found guilty of assaulting a police officer. He was jailed for six months.

- A test case claim by Mr Nicholas Bland, a striking miner, that the Government is unlawfully cutting supplementary benefit payments to strikers' families is expected to be heard by an DHSS appeal tribunal on Friday. This follows the refusal by two judges last week to hear the case in the High Court.

Driving ban on Spurs player

Tony Parks, the Tottenham Hotspur goalkeeper, was fined £120 and banned from driving for 15 months by Tottenham magistrates yesterday.

Parks, aged 22, of Trotwood, Chigwell, admitted having almost twice the legal limit of alcohol in his blood.

Badger attacked

Five men from Rhondda, Mid Glamorgan, who set their dogs on a badger on a Pembrokeshire farm, were fined a total of £1,250 with £350 costs at Haverfordwest Magistrates' Court yesterday.

Extra funds for liver transplants

The Government is to spend an extra £1.5 million next year on liver transplants and kidney treatment for children, Mr John Patten, Under Secretary of State for Health and Social Services, announced yesterday.

Liver transplantation is to be set up as a "supra-regional" speciality where a small number of centres provide difficult or expensive treatment for which there is limited demand.

Spending next year will reach £2.3 million, almost £1 million more than this year to enable the very limited service at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, and at King's College Hospital, London, to be expanded by the addition of centres at the Royal Free Hospital in London and at Birmingham.

An extra £500,000 is also to be spent expanding kidney failure treatment for children, a sum large enough "to ensure that treatment is available for all children who suffer from end stage renal failure and would benefit from treatment", Mr Patten said.

Teachers may act on pay claim

Britain's two main teaching unions yesterday forecast the possibility of industrial action over their pay claim.

Union officials representing 440,000 teachers in England and Wales rejected a 4 per cent offer after six hours of talks.

Another meeting of the Burnham Committee, the pay negotiating body, is expected within the next fortnight.

Six teaching unions are involved in the talks. The National Union of teachers, with 230,000 members, is the largest.

They are demanding an increase of between 12 per cent and 13 per cent – a £1,200 rise – for all teachers from April.

"We will be seeking a further meeting of the Burnham Committee within the next 14 days – as is our right", a spokesman for the NUT said.

Murder charge

John Graham Wooder, aged 35, will appear at Bow Street Magistrates' Court today charged with the murder of Mr Steven Hindley, aged 22, an assistant manager at a shoe shop in New Bond Street, London.

Sale room

£6m oriental paintings up for auction

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

The collapse of one of the richest private companies in America, Coral Petroleum, has dropped a £6 million collection of oriental paintings into Sotheby's upstretched hands.

The auctioneers have greeted the deal with ecstatic enthusiasm, describing the 61 pictures as "the world's finest collection of orientalist paintings" and "one of the most fascinating collections to appear at auction."

The collection is almost unique in its field and will become a landmark. It was formed by Mr David B. Chalmers, the chairman and only stock holder of Coral Petroleum.

Mr Chalmers sought out the finest paintings of oriental themes by nineteenth century European artists that appeared on the market in the late 1970s and early 1980s. His remarkable collection started the idea of holding an orientalist exhibition at the Royal Academy last year; at first an exhibition of his collection alone was considered, then the idea was widened to add pictuures from other sources.

The star of the collection is by the British artist, J. F. Lewis, a brilliant harem scene entitled "An interepted correspondence, Cairo". It came up for sale at Christie's in 1980 and sold for £220,000, at the time an auction price record for any Victorian painting. Sotheby's is suggesting a price on the picture of between £1 million and £1.5 million.

From France come no fewer than 10 important paintings by Gerome, one of the most successful and feted academic artists who was famed for his oriental pictures. Eugène Delacroix, the towering genius of French Romanticism, became addicted to oriental subjects after a visit to North Africa in 1832 and is represented by "Horses leaving the watering pond" of 1857 (estimate $300,000-$400,000).

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Opposition forces economic debate

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financial discipline on all sections of the economy, including the Government.

Share prices fell again yesterday in the wake of Monday's two-point rise in base rates and amid nervousness over the outcome of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries' talks in Geneva.

According to Datastream calculations, £2.9 billion was wiped off share values yesterday, to add to the £4 billion fall on Monday.

The *Financial Times* 30-share index, down 25 points at 2pm yesterday, closed 16.6 down at 961.2. The wider, FT-SE 100 index, fell 16.5 to 1,249.3.

City nervousness persisted despite a better day for the pound. Sterling gained 30 points to $1.1145

Later in New York, the pound was unaffected by news from Britain that the National Coal Board and the National Union of Mineworkers had found no basis for further negotiations.

- Mr Lawson said on Monday that it would "now" be appropriate for sterling to rise against the dollar, not "not" as printed yesterday.

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BBC local radio keeps 9m listeners

By Tony Samstag

Nine million listeners, more than a quarter of the population over the age of four, tune in to one of the 29 local BBC radio stations each week, the corporation said yesterday.

That audience, moreover, had been practically unaffected by the advent of breakfast television two years ago, Mr Richard Francis, BBC radio managing director, said.

"Indeed at 7 am more people get their national and international news from our local radio network than from Radio 4, Radio 2 or *Breakfast Time*", he said.

The figures are based on the latest BBC broadcasting research department survey, conducted last autumn, and are adjusted to take account of those areas not yet served by BBC local radio stations. Radio Shropshire and Radio Bedfordshire, are to open later this year.

The BBC is particularly pleased that the 18 areas where local BBC and independent stations competed directly, nine BBC stations drew more listeners. That, Mr Francis said, showed a growth in public appreciation of the BBC's local "mix" of 70 per cent information and 30 per cent music

Mr Francis said: "I am delighted that one of our most successful big city stations, Radio Merseyside, has overtaken Radio City for the first time.

Audience figures for local BBC [in bold type] and commercial radio in direct competition (first year of operation in brackets):

Radio Bristol, 13.8 per cent (1970)
Radio West, 4.4 (81)
Radio Cleveland, 5.2 (70)
Radio Tees, 10.5 (75)
Radio Humberside, 17.9 (71)
Viking Radio, 4.8 (84)
Radio Kent, 9.5 (70)
Invicta Radio, 1.8 (84)
Radio Lancashire, 9.2 (71)
Red Rose Radio, 9.7 (82)
Radio Leeds, 6.2 (68)
Radio Aire, 6.5 (81)
Radio Leicester, 13 (67)
Leicester Sound, 3.3 (84, replacing Centre Radio, 81-83)
Radio London, 3 (70)
Capital Radio, 10.7 (73)
LBC, 7 (73)
Radio Manchester, 4 (70)
Piccadilly Radio, 14 (74)
Radio Merseyside, 13.3 (67)
Radio City, 12.5 (74)
Radio Newcastle, 4.8 (71)
Metro Radio, 12.9 (74)
Radio Mortolk, 17.1 (80)
Radio Broadland, 5.7 (84)
Radio Northampton, 17.8 (82)
Hereward Radio, 1.4 (80)
Radio Nottingham, 12.2 (68)
Radio Trent, 13.4 (75)
Radio Sheffield, 10.3 (67)
Radio Hallam, 11.8 (74)
Radio Stoke, 14.6 (68)
Signal Radio, 7.9 (83)
Radio Sussex, 7.8 (68)
Southern Sound, 8.8 (80)
Radio WM, 3 (70)
BRMB Radio, 7.5 (74)



Woman in 'Dallas' libel case wanted MP to apologize on his knees

Mrs Hazel Pinder-White told the "Dallas connection" libel case jury yesterday of the sort of apology she initially had in mind from her MP after he had compared her with J R's wife, Sue Ellen.

Mrs Pinder-White said in the High Court she was so upset that she had wanted Mr Jonathan Aitken to announce an apology on his knees in the middle of Viking Bay at Broadstairs, Kent.

Mr Justice Caulfield, who is hearing the case with a jury, observed: "That would have brought the crowds, wouldn't it?"

Mrs Hazel Pinder-White told the jury about the 10 Rolls-Royces she and her husband had at different times in their married life.

But she denied a suggestion by Mr Patrick Milmo, for the defence, that she and her late husband, Charles, campaigned for the Conservative Party in ostentatious style.

"I take exception to that remark", Mrs Pinder-White, of Broadstairs, Kent, said. "There was nothing ostentatious about my husband and nothing ostentatious about me."

She was being cross-examined by Mr Milmo on the second day of her damages claim against Mr Aitken, Conservative MP for Thanet South.

She claims he libelled her in a newspaper article by comparing her with an adultress and alcoholic – Sue Ellen, wife of J R Ewing in the *Dallas* television serial.

Mr Aitken, and the newspaper which he partly owns, the monthly *East Kent Critic*, deny that the article published in February 1981 was libellous.

Mr Milmo suggested to Mrs Pinder-White that her husband, who campaigned on local issues, was a flamboyant figure in public. He asked if Mr Pinder-White campaigned during elections in a white Rolls-Royce.

Mrs Pinder-White, in her mid-forties, told Mr Justice Caulfield: "During our married life we had 10 Rolls-Royces of various colours at various times. My husband liked the best of everything."

Mr Pinder-White disagreed with Mr Milmo's suggestion that the article was "a bit of mickey-taking or a tease" of her husband based on an article about him in another local newspaper which referred to him as "Tiger".

Her husband had campaigned against the disposal of sewage into the local set. He had written to the Duke of Edinburgh and had received a nice letter back, she said. Mr Pinder-White also used to write to Mrs Thatcher on first name terms and she wrote back "Dear Charles".

Mrs Pinder-White said she and her husband had portraits of Conservative leaders on the stairs of their home in Harbour street, Broadstairs.

The *Dallas* episodes shown before the article was pubished had ended with the mystery of "Who shot JR?" Bookmakers were offering odds on the identity of the culprit. Mrs Pinder-White said: "I didn't place a bet. It showed how seriously people take these characters in these stories."

Mr Wilmo said the article had the elements of parady, irony and hyperbole and such writing was not to be understood literally Mr Pinder-White said: "It is a dreadful character assassination."

She said that if Mr Aitken wanted to campare political life in Thanet with *Dallas* he should have chosen a councillor rather than a private citizen, her husband, to compare with JR.

She said her husband had been hurt by an earlier article by Mr Aitken but was "too big a man to show it." Mr Aitken had described Mr Pinder-White in a article as "Harbour Street's self-appointed sanitary inspector."



Mr Aitken: Thought it was flattering.

Mrs Pinder-White said she had been compared with the wife of J R who, at the time, was having an adulterous affair and was never without a glass in his hand. Sue Ellen was also "at the height of her loathsomeness."

Mr Milmo: "Is not Sue Ellen, played by Linda Gray, a very good-looking woman?"

Mrs Pinder-White: "Yes, I don't look at all like her. I can only see a comparison in the way we behaved."

Counsel suggested that, if anything, Mr Aitken's remark was a tribute to her good looks. Mrs Pinder-White disagreed and said she was "not as naive as that."

Mr Milmo: "Do you really think that those words could have been a damaging attack?"

Mr Pinder-White: "I don't think you know how I felt. It was a most disgraceful comparison between two people."

She said that Mr Aitken had visited her and her husband and they and entertained him, but he was not apologetic. "He is a strange man and we did not have much in common," she said.

He had also telephoned her, and she told him she had not only been upset but had been disgusted by the article. He had said: "I though you would be flattered – Sue Ellen is a very beautiful woman."

Mrs Pinder-White said Mr Aitken had not offered to apologize in print and he was not in the least conciliatory.

Mr Milmo: "Did you say 'I am going to get you for this, Jonathan'?"

Mrs Pinder-White: "I don't say things like that."

An apology written by Mr Aitken in the newspaper the next month was "no apology whatsoever," Mrs Pinder-White said.

Mr Milmo suggested that she wanted some kind of public humiliation of Mr Aitken.

"No," Mrs Pinder-White said, "I am not that sort of person."

Excerpts from *Dallas* were shown to the jury to help them make their assessment of characters in the soap opera.

The hearing continues today.



Explorers back from Antarctic

A team of Antarctic adventurers told of their discoveries yesterday on the world's largest unexplored island.

The Joint Services expedition to Brabant Island, in the frozen wastes of the Antarctic peninsula, returned after a year of scientifically cataloguing and exploring the uninhabited island.

The team of 10, lead by Commander Chris Furse, of the Royal Navy, from Smarden, Kent, has spent the past year living under canvas in sub-zero temperatures which fell to -40C.

The group carried out research projects, the most important of which was a study into the effects of long-term exposure to cold. During its year on the island the group faced blizzards, dangerous crevasses and some of the most stormy seas in the world.

Commander Furse, aged 44, said: "We are the first men deliberately to have spent a winter in the Antarctic using only tents for protection. We have proved it can be done and hope our achievement will encourage others."



Francois de Gerlache (left), grandson of the island's discoverers, with leader Chris Furse (above) and (top) Jon Beattie, Mike Ringe, Jim Lumsden, Ted Atkins, John Kimbrey and Francois de Gerlache.

Mr Francois de Gerlache, aged 23, from Huise, Belgium, grandson of the original discoverer of the island, Adrien de Gerlache, said: "I am proud to have followed in my grandfather's footsteps. I think I have inherited his spirit for adventure."

The team plans to produce a television documentary and a book about the expedition.

Murder trial farmer says police told him to carry gun

From Tim Jones, Bristol

A farmer accused of murdering a neighbour and of trying to kill his wife told his herdsman that the police had unofficially advised him to carry a shotgun while checking his stock at night, a jury at Bristol Crown Court was told yesterday.

Mr John Russell said that Mr Graham Backhouse had told him of the advice on the day a sheep's head was found on a stake in a field with a note "you next" attached to it.

But two detectives who visited Mr Backhouse at Widden Hill Farm, Horton, near Chipping Sodbury, Avon, strongly denied ever giving such advice. The prosecution claims that Mr Backhouse attempted to murder his wife to claim £100,000 life insurance and that he murdered his neighbour, Mr Colyn Bedale-Taylor, aged 63, to throw police off his trail. He has pleaded not guilty.

Mrs Margaret Backhouse, aged 37, was severely injured when a bomb exploded inside the family Volvo car on April 9 last year. Mr Bedale-Taylor died in the Backhouse farmhouse after being shot twice in the chest at close range.

Mr Russell said Mr Backhouse had told him: "Just imagine the consequences if I was down in the yard in the dark and someone called my name and I fired a gun at him."

Det Sergeant Geoffrey Hallett, said he went to the farm with Det Constable Stephen Crook because Mr Backhouse had complained of receiving a threatening letter and telephone calls.

Mr Backhouse is alleged to have invented the campaign of threats against him and his family as part of the plan to murder his wife. Mr Bedale-Taylor was killed because Mr Backhouse needed a scapegoat, the prosecution claims.

Sergeant Hallet said: "He told me that in order to protect himself on these late night missions into his farm he intended to carry a shotgun.

"I told him that this was illegal and advised him most strongly against carrying a shotgun. If he had shot someone he would be in very serious trouble. He accepted my advice and said he would not carry a shotgun."

He said he had told Mr Backhouse to ensure his vehicles were locked at night and advised him to repair and secure the garage doors.

Cross-examined by Mr Lionel Read, QC, for the defence, he agreed that either he or Mr Backhouse had suggested the possiblity of Mrs Backhouse and their two children going away for a few days until the business had blown over but Mr Read suggested that "illegal or not" the advice had been given to Mr Backhouse to carry a shotgun. Sergeant Hallett replied: "I could not condone that at all."

Mr Russell said he first became aware of the alleged threats on the day the sheep's head was found. Mr Backhouse said he had been advised to carry a shotgun but had given the impression he did not intended to do so.

He said Mr Backhouse gave the impression of being very fond of his wife and his children, and his wife gave the inmpression she was fond of him. As far as he could see they were a happy family.

Medical evidence showed that after the bomb, which contained 4,500 shotgun pellets, exploded, surgeons had to remove metal fragments and foam plastic from Mrs Backhouse's thighs and buttocks. Mr Colin Davidson, a consultant surgeon at Frenchay Hospital, Bristol, said the injuries were "extensive, extremely serious and must have resulted from a major explosion".

The trial continues today.

Job warning if tobacco tax goes up

By Our Commercial Editor

Big Budget increases in tobacco taxation would threaten jobs, according to Gallaher, which yesterday reported an overall cigarette sales decline in Britain only just offset, in its own case, by an increase in exports.

A similar warning came from Imperial Tobacco, which pointed out that the jobs threat was heightened by surging tobacco imports and the growth of own-label cigarettes by chains such as Victoria Wine and Spar.

Small British manufacturers such as Manchester Tobacco Company and London Tobacco Company make some own-brand cigarettes but the main source is West Germany, where there is production over-capacity. Luxembourg is another source.

While well-known brands are selling at £1.20 or more for 20, many own-label cigarettes cost about £1. So far they appear largely to have taken up the share of the market belonging to BAT until it cut back heavily in Britain.

Lords want maths for all under-16s

By Bill Johnstone, Technology Correspondent

Schools must be compelled to teach mathematics and science to all pupils aged under 16, integrate computers into the teaching of all subjects, and improve substantially the quality of science tutors.

The recommendations are by the Lords Select Committee on Science and Technology, which has been studying the acute shortage of higher technology skills in British industry. The committee believes it is important for pupils to be given an early appreciation of the new technologies.

It is the third report in a week to highlight the growing skills shortages in this sector. The Lords' committee also recommends the creating of a national Education and Training Board to co-ordinate the adopted education strategy, and that priority be given to the education of girls in science and technology.

In raising Britain's overall performance in technology it was important to break the stereotype that kept girls out of science and technology subjects in education and then employment.

Investment in education and training was also vital, if either government or industry thought that the nation's economic problems could be solved without spending money, they were deluding themselves. The nation could not affoed to invest more.

Education and Training for New Technologies (House of Lords Select Committee on Science and Technology, Stationery Office, £6).

Chic Murray dies

Chic Murray, the Scots comedian, died in Edinburgh yesterday aged 65. He had just returned from a holiday in Tenerife.

The comedian's last television appearance was on the BBC Hogmanay Show and a few weeks earlier he had been a guest on the Jimmy Tarbuck show.

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Girls still being forced into 'women's' jobs

Sex stereotyping by society and careers officers continues to force girls into traditional "women's" jobs, a survey revealed yesterday.

The survey studied the experiences of girls during their first year on the Youth Training Scheme. While the scheme was credited as a "worthwhile experience" the survey seemed to indicate that the programme was missing out on "a golden opportunity" to help women break into non-traditional work

The Class of '84 (National Joint Committee of Working Women's Organizations, 150 Walworth Road, London SE17 1JT; £1 post free).

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Driver killed in Tube crash 'went too fast'

The driver of a London Underground train, killed when it hit a stationary train on December 11, was travelling too fast and failed to obey emergency procedures, a Department of Trade inquiry was told yesterday.

Mr Tim Smewin, in his first official day as a driver, died at Kilburn station, notrh London.

Major Christopher Holden, who conducted the inquiry, will make a combined report to the Department of Transport on the kilburn crash and one at Leyton, east London, last August in which the driver also died.

Civil Servants fitter than other groups

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

Civil Servants may not be particularly wealthy or wise, but they are an uncommonly healthy lot, according to a report from the Civil Service Medical Advisory Service.

The report, the first published review of the 600,000 Civil Servants' health since 1968, shows that their premature death rate is between only a half and 60 per cent that of other groups of the same age and their sickness absence half of the national rate.

Only six in every 1,000 retire early on health grounds, and even compared with other groups of office workers their death and illness rates are good.

In spite of their good health record at work, however, it appears that Civil Servants do not do markedly better at living on after retirement than most groups – suggesting, perhaps, that they miss the job. Most can expect drawing their inflation-proofed pensions for at least 13 years after retirement.

The study shows either that promotion is good for you, or that only the fittest get promoted. Principals and above take slightly more than three days a year off sick on average, while clerical staff manage more than 11.

The death rate from heart disease is four times higher for messengers and clerical assistants than for permanent and under secretaries, while for clerks it is three times higher and for middle-managers in the executive officer grades it is twice as high.

Perhaps unsurprisingly blue-collar Civil Servants fare worse on health grounds than the white-collar staff, who have slightly more than 10 days a year off sick on average compared with 17 for the industrial staff.

There is some evidence that work stress need not be linked to higher death and illness rates. Being relocated, however, is a highly [illegible] experience. In 1[illegible]ment of the Department for National Savings and the National Savings Bank to Glasgow brought a steep rise in the numbers of staff referred to the Medical Advisory Service after repeated spells off work.

Eleven per cent of the staff affected were referred, compared with 1.2 per cent in the Treasury and 1.6 per cent in the Ordnance Survey. Within two years the rates had settled down.

Dr Adrian Semmence, the Civil Service medical adviser, said that the Civil Servants' good health record was in spite of relatively low-level requirements for pre-recruitment medicals.

The Civil Service also keeps a close eye on those away sick repeatedly or for any length of time suggesting, Dr Semmence said, that "monitoring does have an effect on the figures".

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Kinnock to table motion of censure

THE ECONOMY

The Opposition is to put down a motion of censure on the Government over its handling of the economy in recent weeks. Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, announced to Labour cheers and Conservative laughter in the Commons at the end of Prime Minister's question time.

He said that earlier in the day the Opposition had sought a statement from the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the Government's economic policy. That request had been refused.

In view of that (he went on), and the utterly inadequate response on the matter of central importance today, and most particularly because of the bungling by the Government of its economic policies as evidenced by manufactured and output figures unemployment figures, interest rate figures, as well as other figures, we shall be putting down a motion censuring the Government for its utter mismanagement.

Question time was dominated by a clash between Mrs Thatcher and Mr Kinnock over the 2 per cent rise in base rates announced the day before, the third rise since January 11.

In beginning it, Mr Kinnock asked: three weeks ago the Government was against the idea of increasing interest rates to defend sterling but they did increase interest rates and it did not work. Two weeks ago the Government spurned the idea of intervening to defend sterling but they did intervene, and it did not work. What is she going to do now? (Labour laughter).

Mrs Thatcher: I recall Mr Kinnock saying on January 15 that he was absolutely against speculation against the pound, that he thought it was irresponsible and irrational. If that is what he thought then, I hope that is what he thinks now and that he thinks the action taken to stop it is right and well-judged in the circumstances.

Mr Kinnock: I do think it irresponsible and irrational, but it is she who believes in the market system, not us.

Her response again today will impress no one at home or abroad. It is she who has surrendered policy making entirely to the whims of the market. The result is chaos, a crisis of confidence and a huge rise in the interest rate burden on business borrowers and home buyers.

Is she going to change her policies in the light of that experience, or is she going to go through the same mixture of panic and paralysis which has brought us to this mess?

Mrs Thatcher: I am not quite sure whether Mr Kinnock is approving of what we have done or saying we should have done nothing.

The action the Chancellor took was to maintain the financial strategy which has brought inflation lower than any other government has previously and which, in spite of the effects of a coal strike for ten to eleven months, kept the current account in surplus last year.

Mr Kinnock: Her strategy is coming apart at the seams and she knows that very well. We want a real strategy to give growth and recovery properly to our economy. All we are getting from the Government, especially now, is dithering and dodging that can only mean more on the dole and more in debt.

We have got a crisis of confidence not in the country but an absence of confidence in the Government. Is the Government willing to change its policies and will the Prime Minister really act by chucking out the Chancellor?

Mrs Thatcher: The action taken has been such to impose financial discipline on all sections of the economy, including the Government.

The gross domestic product is at its highest ever level – I hope Mr Kinnock is pleased about that. The fixed investment across the economy is at its highest ever real level. Retail sales are at their highest ever real level. Profits are up 20 per cent in the first three quarters of 1984



Grylls: Businesses will support Government

and this Government's record on inflation is second to none.

The most important way to tackle unemployment is to keep inflation down.

Mr Peter Hordern (Horsham, C): Since interest rates have increased to a level which must put at rest any fears there may have been about inflation, would she not agree that if the markets allow, this is the best opportunity ever seen for our exporters and businessmen to do business.

Mrs Thatcher: There are markets opening up because of the strength of the dollar and the weakness of sterling compared with the dollar. It is vital to stay competitive on wage costs. While our wage costs are rising – and the Opposition supports every single wage claim – wage costs of our competitors are staying stable or decreasing. If the Opposition want to improve the prospects of employment, they must help to get unit wage costs down.

Mr Patrick McNair-Wilson (New Forest, C): In part sterling's problems stem from uncertainty about oil prices. Since over-production at a time of depressed demand leads to a disorderly market, can she confirm that the Government has reserve powers to both limit production and depletion in the North Sea? Will she consider using these to underpin light crude oil price and help bring stability back?

Mrs Thatcher: The policy we pursue is really the same as the United States pursue in that we do not have powers to restrict production in the North Sea. We have powers to purchase 51 per cent of that production at whatever is the market price. I think we must stick to that.

Mr David Steel, Leader of the Liberals (Tweeddale, Ettrick and Lauderdale): When is the Prime Minister going to recognize that the rest of the world does not share her rosy view of her handling of the economy? It is possible the rest of the world is right and she is wrong.

Interest rates are at their highest level for 50 years: Will she explain why the pound does not do what she tells it to do?

Mrs Thatcher: Interest rates in real terms are not as high as they have been in the United States.

Mr Michael Grylls (North West Surrey, C): Although the high interest rates are a worry and a difficulty for industry, nevertheless businesses in Britain will support the Government while it continues to get inflation down and probably sends the Government the message that it must try harder on inflation because that destroys businesses large and small.

Mrs Thatcher: I agree. It is always disappointing to have to raise interest rates, but of course the effect would be far worse if inflation were allowed to increase again. Mr Roy Hattersley said in 1978: "In terms of promoting employment opportunities throughout the country, nothing is more important than containing inflation."

Mr John Browne (Winchester, C): The factors affecting sterling at the moment, such as the price of the dollar, the price of oil, the world recession and the size of the United States deficit, are completely outside the control of the Government.

Trident costs have not been spread

DEFENCE

Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, defended the cost of the Trident programme in the Commons in spite of laughter from Labour MPs when he stated that the latest estimate of £9,285 million was based on an established convention indicating he should assume a dollar exchange of $1.38 to the pound. The updated figure was also at average £1984-85 prices.

He said that approximately 55 per cent of the work by value was planned to be undertaken in the United Kingdom. Th submarine would be part of the contract they intended to place with Vickers and within that contract the American contribution should be of the order of 10 per cent.

When Mr Michael Meadowcroft (Leeds West, L) referred to the possibility that the cost of Trident would be spread over many more years, perhaps even beyond the life of the missile, Mr Heseltine declared that ministers had given no authority to change existing assumptions. Indeed, he had added other instructions that there would be no change in the assumptions and subject only to security considerations, if there needed to be changed assumptions, he would report them to the Commons.

Otherwise, the position remained as when Sir John Nott, the former Defence Secretary, first explained it in March 1982. "There will not be a spread of the sort suggested", Mr Heseltine declared.

Mr Heseltine also said he saw no case for changing the conventions upon which previous Governments have worked.

However (he went on), in view of public interest, I am making available to the Select Committee on Defence and the Public Accounts Committee an indication of the effects of changes in the exchange rate so that those wishing to predict exchange rate changes over the procurement period of the Trident programme will be able to do so at the exchange rate that they consider to be appropriate.

Mr Gavin Strang (Edinburgh East, Lab): Will Mr Heseltine admit that that cost is a gross underestimate taking into account the current dollar/sterling exchange rate?

Is it not outrageous that thousands of millions of pounds are to be spent in the US on American technology and American jobs? How can Mr Heseltine defend this to the millions of unemployed in this country.

Mr Heseltine: The question is whether Britain needs its own nuclear deterrent and whether the Trident D5 system is the appropriate one.

This decision was made by the Government and it was the decision by which the Government was elected. I do not think it will be difficult to persuade people, whether employed or unemployed, that the defence of this country depends on an effective deterrent.

He added later: It is difficult to predict the cost of the programme 20 or 30 years ahead and it remains a "guesstimate" at the tail end of the period.

As for the scale and impact of the programme on the defence budget: of course, this is a large programme. But when the Tornado programme was going through it was a larger proportion of a smaller defence budget, and I do not remember a great outcry about there being no way it could be accommodated within the existing programme.

Sir Anthony Buck (Colchester North, C): This programme will enable us to retain a capability which successive governments have thought it appropriate for us to have. Over half the money will be spent in the United Kingdom.

Mr Heseltine: An independent British deterrent is an essential part of the strategy that has kept the peace in Europe for a record period in contemporary history. As this policy has worked, and patently is working, we believe it should continue.

Mr David Heathcoat-Amory (Wells, C): Cost can only be assessed in relation to effectiveness. Is Mr Heseltine concerned that the development of Star Wars defence systems might render Trident ineffective?

Does this not make the case for the development of alternative non-ballistic systems which might even be cheaper?

Mr Heseltine: The timescale in which these questions will be answered provides the answer. The Star Wars project is today a research project which will cover a period of time which will ensure that even if the Americans were to go ahead with it we should have Trident in service long before.

Trident would be playing a critical role in the defence of the West long before the Star Wars programme could be implemented.

Mr David Steel, Leader of the Liberal Party: Since the Government first took the decision on Trident, the cash cost of the project has virtually doubled, the length of time has been extended twice, and the value of the contracts to British industry has declined as a proportion of the total. This has resulted in the need to look again at the system.

Mr Heseltine: We have increased the defence budget by the order of £3,000 million in real terms and that enhancement is broadly continuing in the future. That has given vastly extra resources part of which will be spent on Trident.

Sir John Farr (Harborough, C): It would be much easier to support the Trident policy if there were a bigger percentage of home produced content in the weapons.

Mr Heseltine: It would be attractive if, in the concept of the two-way street, there was a larger UK component in the Trident programme. But this was an existing programme.

Mr Denzil Davies, Chief Opposition spokesman on defence and disarmament: In case Mr Heseltine has not heard, the pound is not standing at $1.38 to the pound but at $1.10. That puts another £700 million on the figure he has given the House. The figure is £10,000 million and not the £9,200 million he mentions.

Why is Mr Heseltine making himself look so ridiculous by pretending all this money can be found without making substantial and savage cuts in Britain's defences?

Why, apart from perverse vanity is he going ahead with this weapon which no rational person would contemplate using and if it were used would turn this island into rubble.

Mr Heseltine: Are we to gather that the nuclear weapons Mr Davies's government thought so necesssary were somehow usable but that Trident is not?

Legislation to overturn GLC ruling

TRANSPORT

A proposal by the Government to legislate following a High Court decision against it over the payment of grants to London Regional Transport by the Greater London Council was given a hostile reception by Opposition MPs in the Commons.

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Transport, who announced the proposal, was accused of "shameless arrogance and political chicanery" by Mr Peter Snape, an Opposition spokesman on transport.

Mr Ridley said the court decision had been against his direction last year requiring the GLC to pay £281.3 million in grants to LRT up to the end of this financial year.

The direction had been challenged by the GLC. It was clear from the judgement that the court took a different view of the way the powers under Section 49 of the London Regional Transport Act should be exercised from that which the Government intended when it took the powers.

The judgement meant that the money available to LRT would be reduced by more than £50 million late in the financial year. A corresponding amount would accrue to the GLC, and this was contrary to the interests of ratepayers and LRT passengers.

He was not confident an appeal would satisfactorily resolve the problems over interpretation of Section 49, and any new direction would be vulnerable to further legal challenge. So the Government considered that only the authority of Parliament could settle the matter. He would shortly introduce new legislation to enable Parliament once and for all to settle the amount of grant to be paid in 1984-85.

Mr Snape said that to use Parliament to avoid complying with the High Court judgement was a constitutional outrage. Legislation would be strongly opposed by all Labour MPs who believed in the rule of law.

Any principled holder of ministerial office being in contempt for illegality, telling blatant untruths in the House and swindling ratepayers of about £50 million would have apologised and tendered his resignation.

Mr Richard Tracey (Surbiton, C): This is just a last gasp attempt by the moribund GLC before abolition to frustrate the intention of this House.

Mr Ridley: I agree. We are talking about large sums of money. It would be quite improper if this money which has been taken from the ratepayers for one purpose were to be used for another.

New moves to stop City fraud

THE CITY

Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, announced in the Commons the Government's intention to establish a new regulatory framework and a new institutional structure for the financial services industry. They were set out in a White Paper *Financial Services in the United Kingdom: A New Framework for Investor Protection.*

He indicated that legislation was planned for the 1985-86 parliamentary session.

He said in a statement, a prerequisite for an internationally competitive industry is a clear regulatory framework within which practitioners and customers can deal with confidence and which safeguards the interests of investors. This regulatory framework must be capable of adjusting to changes in the shape of the markets, and of accommodating rather than stifling innovation.

This, the proposals set out in the White Paper are designed to achieve. They will assist enforcement, deter fraud and malpractice, improve disclosures and lay down the principles on which business should be conducted.

The regulatory framework will be based on new and comprehensive definitions of investment and of investment business. It will be an offence to carry on an investment business in the United Kingdom without authorization.

To obtain such authorization, an investment business willh ave to show it is fit and proper and will be required to observe detailed rules for the conduct of business based on principles to be set out in the legislation. Breach of these rules will be subject to sanctions up to and including the withdrawal of the authorization to trade.

There will be a number of important further changes. I intend to rationalize and update the legal provisions dealing with offer documents and the advertising of investments, first to make i clear what must be disclosed and second to establish standard provisions on civil and criminal liability for omissions and mistakes.

I also propose to liberalize some restrictions on the unit trust industry and enable it, subject to appropriate safeguards, to offer a greater variety of schemes to the public.

Commissions and other payments to intermediaries will be disclosed. As far as is possible, the marketing of life assurance contracts will be treated in a manner similar to the marketing of other investments.

The institutional structure designed to implement the new regulatory framework is based on my belief that the crucial tasks of authorising investment businesses and keeping high standards of business conduct among those so authorised can be discharged much more effectively by those closest to the market – practitioners and their customers – rather than by government. Malpractices can be identified and dealt with more quickly by these people than by government regulators.

I therefore intend to build upon what is best in self-regulation. I shall propose legislation to confer on the Secretary of State the necessary powers to grant authorisation to investment businesses; but also to enable him to delegate regulatory responsibility, including the power of authorisation, to one or more bodies composed both of those who provide and those who use financial services.

Before doing so I shall be required to be satisfied on the composition, constitution and proposed rules of these bodies and I will have power to withdraw delegated powers in the event that such a body fails to continue to meet the criteria. Steps are already in train to set up the bodies.

I hope that those concerned in the financial services will press ahead so



Ryman: City crooks getting away with it

that the structure is in place by the time the legislation is on the statute book.

The Government see great advantages in the system of self-regulation within a statutory framework. At the same time we recognize that self-regulation should receive statutory backing only if there is proper accountability.

Mr John Smith, chief Opposition spokesman on trade and industry said concern in recent years had not just been about inadequate legislation but the capacity for its enforcement.

Despite all the padding and waffling of his statement (he went on), is it not clear that instead of seizing the opportunity to act boldly and decisively by supporting the new legislation with an independent commission at a crucial time in the City's development he has ducked the issue by making no substantial change in enforcement?

Mr Tebbit: There have been major difficulties concerning law enforcement against fraud in the City. The major step forward is to ensure that nobody can trade in an investment business without authorization. That is a step towards the prevention rather than the prosecution of fraud.

Mr Peter Hordern (Horsham, C): Would he confirm that the Government's major priority is the protection of the public?

Mr Tebbit: The key in all this is the protection of the public. If the City is not seen to be a clean place in which to operate, it will lose business and thereby gradually those who are the practitioners will be the losers as well.

Mr Ian Wrigglesworth (Stockton South, SDP): Why has he not accepted representations that there should be one statutory independent body regulating the City? At a time when we are getting more and more financial conglomerates would this not make greater sense? Otherwise his proposals will look like a limp hand in a velvet glove.

Mr Tebbit: It may be that as time goes on there will be a change of view about this and the two bodies could be merged. If that was the view that emerged, I would not oppose it.

Equally, I do not think it would be appropriate at this stage for me to try to force down the necks of those who provide and use the services, a solution that they do not want.

Mr John Ryman (Blyth Valley, Lab): Is it not a scandal that for years crooks have been getting away with it in the City, despite evidence, because of a refusal to prosecute in cases that cry out for prosecution?

As this system must take a long time to set up, in the meantime many serious criminal offences will be committed in the City of London without fear of prosecution.

Mr Tebbit: I share his concern about offences committed and prosecution not carried through to conviction. Many such frauds involve persons overseas who are not unduly anxious to come to the Old Bailey and offer evidence. In many cases of great complexity there have been difficulties in properly setting out evidence in a way juries fully understand.

I am sure under the new system where the rules for the conduct of business will be much clearer and cleaner, it will not only be easier to see at an earlier stage those who have offended and prohibit them from trading, but those who although not now regarded as criminals, are clearly in contradiction to the code under which business should be carried out in the City.

Report soon on European fighter plane

The feasibility study on the European fighter aircraft was continuing and the Government expected to receive reports on the outcome of the industrial aspects of the study soon, Mr Adam Butler, Minister of State for Defence Procurement, stated during Commons questions.

He said discussions were also proceeding at Government level on a range of activities affecting the programme. Defence ministers would meet in the spring to review the latest position.

He said later that anyone with experience of the project would know that difficulties had arisen and compromises had been necessary. It may be that there would be considerable argument before the next stage could be entered into. But the Secretary of State for Defence and the Government intended to make this collaborative project work.

If we can (he said) it will be to the advantage of our air force and our industry.

Peers vote to silence member

Peers took the unusual step of silencing one of their members during question time in the House of Lords when **Lord Hatch of Lusby** (Lab) was voted down in a division as he tried to question **Lord Trefgarne,** Under Secretary of State for the Armed Forces, about the legal rights of Servicemen guarding nuclear or non-nuclear installations.

Lord Hatch had asked Lord Trefgarne if American Servicemen had the right to shoot unarmed protestors at either nuclear or non-nuclear sites; were they covered by the Visiting Forces Act or the Criminal Law Act 1967?

Lord Trefgarne had replied that the question of shooting protestors depended precisely upon what they were doing.

Lord Hatch then tried to put a second question but was drowned by shouts of "Order, order" from the Conservative benches. When he tried to repeat it he was again unable to make his voice heard above cries of "Order, order".

The Earl of Cork and Orrery (C) then moved: That the noble Lord be no longer heard. **Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone,** Lord Chancellor, called a division on the motion which was carried by 103 votes to 59 – majority, 44, and Lord Hatch of Lusby resumed his seat. The House moved on to the next question.

Bills blocked

The progress of 18 private Bills, mostly sponsored by local authorities, was delayed in the Commons when MPs raised objections when they came up for second readings.

Among the measures blocked was the Birmingham City Council Bill which would allow grand prix racing on the city centre's streets.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Debate on inspector's report on Stansted airport. *Lords* (2.30): Debates on drug trafficking, disarmament, and on policing London buses.

Market forces will continue

Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, declined in the House of Commons to indicate whether the Government would take further action in relation to interest rates or to state at what level he expected to keep sterling. No Chancellor, he said, was ever prepared to comment on market tactics.

In reply to Labour questioners, he said that it was an illusion to think that market forces could be eliminated by the wave of a wand.

Mr Lawson was replying to a private notice question from Mr Ian Wrigglesworth (Stockton South, SDP) who said: The outstanding record which this Government has achieved is the highest level of real interest rates since Britain came off the gold standard in 1931.

The Government bears heavy responsibility for that record. It has been responsible for uncertainty and confusion over the exchange rate policy, has taken no action over oil prices or the rate of depletion of North Sea oil and the international markets are reflecting their lack of confidence in the non-oil sector of our economy.

What is the Government's exchange rate policy and at what level does he expect to keep the pound? Is he prepared to take action on oil prices or the North Sea depletion rate?

If not, the Government will be causing the people of this country to pay the price for its incompetence and its blind devotion to its economic dogmas.

Mr Lawson: No Chancellor is ever prepared to comment on market tactics and matters of that kind which can only be of benefit to speculators and others and of no benefit to this country.

Mr David Howell (Guildford, C): The status of sterling as a petro-currency can be and probably is being exaggerated. We might do well to free ourselves completely from involvement in trying to fix an international oil price and to withdraw the price-fixing function of the British National Oil Corporation altogether.

Mr Lawson: The markets attach excessive importance to the value of North Sea oil in our economy as a whole, sizeable though it is.

There is a view that we are a one-market economy, but gas and oil are 5 per cent of gross domestic product and 8½ per cent of tax revenues. The price of oil is set by the market, not be BNOC.

Mr Nigel Forman (Carshalton and Wallington, C): One of the inevitable consequences of the rise in interest rates by four points in recent weeks has been to add more than £1,000 million to British industry's costs.

He asked the Chancellor to reduce industry's costs in the budget, thus offsetting that effect.

Mr Lawson said he would take note of that in forming his budget judgement and framing the budget. With that in mind he had abolished national insurance surcharge last year.

Mr Peter Tapsell (East Lindsey, C): Those who dominate the exchange markets of the world seldom, in my experience, are much preoccupied with the British public sector borrowing requirement.

Until we apply our minds towards their practical concerns, rather than to our political shibboleths, it is most unlikely that we shall be able to restore sterling to its proper level in world markets.

Mr Lawson: I know that he is a much travelled man with great experience of financial operators throughout the world, but nevertheless, in my experience, there is considerable concern in the markets and among finance ministries and within the IMF – and always has been some Labour MPs will recall – about the PSBR of this and other countries, and the budget deficit of the United States, about which he has expressed concern before.

Mr John Maxton (Glasgow, Cathcart, Lab): Since the Bank of England is intervening to protect the pound and Mr Lawson has restored minimum lending rate and is prepared to cooperate with other economies to protect the pound against the dollar, does he still hold to his dogma that free market forces should be allowed to operate?

Mr Lawson: Of course free market forces will operate. It is one of the illusions of the Labour Party that somehow, by a wave of the wand, they can abolish free market forces.

He recalled the decision of the finance ministers of the five major industries countries of the western world in Washington, that if the time came they would be prepared to intervene in a concerted way in foreign exchanges. That was fully in line with the Williamsburg agreement.

Mr Forman's calculation of the effect of interest rates was on the assumption that the present rate remained in force for a full year. That might not be correct.

Mr Roy Hattersley, chief Opposition spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs: Will he take this belated opportunity to remove some of the uncertainties which still prejudice the pound and interest rates? Will he make it unequivocally clear that he is abandoning the policy of allowing the pound to float free?

Mr Lawson: The policy of the British Government under both my predecessor and myself has been that the sterling exchange rate is always taken into account in assessing the correct financial policy at the time. (Opposition laughter).

RAF airlift

The Ethiopian Government has accepted the offer by the British Government to extend the RAF airlift to the end of March and to review the position again nearer that time, **Mr John Stanley,** Minister of State for the Armed Forces, said in the Commons.

The RAF and Army detachment in Ethiopia had now airlifted 6,000 tonnes of relief supplies and had recently taken part in trials in air dropping supplies

Speaker's comment annoys Labour MPs

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) was accused of making a "political" judgement in again refusing an application for an emergency debate on the miners' strike "when talks were in progress".

The application was made on this occasion by Mr David Nellist (Coventry South East, Lab) and in refusing to grant the application, the Speaker said he was doing so "at least at a time when these talks are in progress".

On a point of order, Mr Tony Benn (Chesterfield, Lab) said that was a political and not a constitutional point. Nothing in Erskine May nor any precedent set by his predecessors said that the Speaker should take into account what was happening outside Parliament.

He should consider whether it was right that he should be driven by his dilemma into giving a political judgement about whether a debate would be helpful) or unhelpful.

After further points of order, the Speaker said: I intended to go no further than what I said last week and yesterday. I think we should have a debate on this matter when it is helpful to the situation. The House has drawn attention to the imporatnce of seeking a settlement to this long and damaging strike. I hope that is still the situation.

If Mr Benn interprets that as a political judgement, I am sorry. It was not intended to be that at all.

Larry Whitty: Sights on Labour power

Man intent on shaking up party machine

By Paul Routledge
Labour Editor

A radical shake-up of the Labour Party machine, with a massive shift of resources into the marginal constituencies, has been promised by Mr Larry Whitty, leading contender for the party general secretaryship.

Labour's national executive meets today to choose a successor to Mr Jim Mortimer, and the smart political money is going on Mr Whitty, research officer of the General, Municipal, Boilermakers' and Allied Trades Union and secretary of Trade Unions for Labour Victory.

In the intensive lobbying that has preceded today's vote, Mr Whitty, a self-confessed "soft left" candidate, has made it plain to union leaders and MPs that if appointed he will mount an economy drive at party headquarters in Walworth Road, south London, in order to rebuild Labour's ailing electoral machine.

He told *The Times* yesterday: "There is a job to be done, getting the party machine into line, basically to regain power. I know roughly what needs to be done, and I am still enough of an outsider to have the authority to do it." Mr Whitty, aged 41, has the support of the party leader Mr Neil Kinnock, and of his union's general secretary Mr David Basnett, who is a key figure among Labour union moderates, both of whom share his pragmatic approach. His chief rival is Mrs Helen Liddell, the Scottish secretary of the party.

"We need to revive the party machine in areas where we must perform well to win the election," he added. "That means less time on constitutional matters and more on ortanizing and campaigning.



Larry Whitty: Soft Left candidate

"At Walworth Road, a tighter grip is required to streamline and strengthen the management, and give more direction to the public image side than to internal activities. How effective that can be depends on resources and that depends on winning the political fund ballots in the next few months."

Unions affiliated to the party are begining a round of internal ballots in April, as required under the Trade Uion Act 1984 Mr Whitty's backers in the unions regard his appointment as a critical step in the build-up to those polls.

Although he has moved unobtrusively in the higher echelons of the labour movement for more than a decade, Mr Whitty is practically unknown to the general public; union leaders do not like their apparatchiks to attract the limelight. He was born in Mortlake, west London, in 1943, the son of a primary schoolteacher, and attended Latymer School, Hammersmith, before going on to St John's, Cambridge, to read economics.

At university he was "more an actor than an activist", preferring comedy roles, but the serious business of finding a job found him in 1965 working as a Civil Servant at the Ministry of Aviation.

In 1970, he joined the civil service of the labour movement, the TUC. He was recruited by Mr Len Murray to the economic department, and spent three years at Congress House drawing up industrial policies and assisting in the establishment of the new-fangled TUC industry committees.

He became research officer of the General and Municipal Workers' Union in 1973, working closely with Mr David Basnett but also responsible for a wide range of administrative functions within the union. Although they are not close politically, Mr Basnett has clearly decided that his protégé is the best man to push through the reform of Walworth Road for which he has been pressing, unsuccessfully, for several years.

The verdict on whether the national executive want that scale of change will come later today.



Ian McKellen and Maggie Smith at Guildhall yesterday

Gowrie defends arts policy

Lord Gowrie, Minister for the Arts, yesterday urged people to get away from television and "see it live in '85", when he spoke as a guest at the thirtieth anniversary Standard Drama Awards at Guildhall in London. He was answering criticism by Lord Matthews, chairman of *The Standard,* the London evening newspaper, of the lack of long-term aid for the arts by the Government.

Lord Gowrie said he would continue the Government's overall support for the arts, "but I cannot do better than that while public spending is still too high".

The awards for the best actor and actress went to Ian McKellen for *Coriolanus* and Maggie Smith for *The Way of the World.* The best play was *Benefactors* by Michael Frayn; best musical *42nd Street;* best comedy, *Stepping Out,* by Richard Harris; best director, Christopher Morahan for his National Theatre production of *Wild Honey,* and most promising playwright, Shannan Macdonald, for her first play,

Attempt to tighten Wildlife Act

By John Young
Agriculture Correspondent

The first shots in a campaign to amend the Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981 were fired yesterday.

Dr David Clark, Labour MP for South Shields, said that he expected his private member's Bill to meet some of the most urgent priorities, would be given its second reading in the Commons on Friday, February 8, and that it could well be unopposed.

The most significant clause in the Bill is aimed at blocking the notorious "loophole" whereby owners of land which the Nature Conservancy Council proposes to designate as a site of special scientific interest may damage it without impunity, during the statutory three-month notification period.

Other clauses seek to place greater conservation responsibilities on government departments, local authorities and the Forestry Commission.

Dr Clark's press conference came less than 24 hours before the publication of the Commons environment committee report on the Act.

Benefit plea for long-term unemployed

By Our Social Services Correspondent

The Government should spend £500 million of the £725 million it expects to receive this year from taxing unemployment benefit to pay the long-term rate of supplementary benefit to those out of work for more than a year, the National Consumer Council said yesterday.

At present they receive less than all other long-term claimants, including single parents and pensioners, with married men £600 a year worse off and single men nearly £400 a year worse off than these groups.

The payments to people who have been looking for work for more than a year are a "scandalous anomaly and injustice", Mr Michael Montague, the council's chairman, said.

Suggestions that paying the higher rate would make people workshy did not stand up with levels of unemployment as high as they are, he said.

Reports that the Government has ruled out such a change in its review of the benefit system were disquieting, Mr Montague

National space centre to be set up as £7m goes into European projects

By Bill Johnstone
Technology Correspondent

The fragmented space research effort in Britain is to be co-ordinated by a National Space Centre, probably housed at Farnborough, Hampshire, and a British commitment to spend about £7 million in the next two years on feasibility studies on European space projects.

Details were disclosed yesterday as Britain's space ministers made their way to Rome for a conference on European space policy. One of the principal projects to be discussed at the two-day ministerial conference attended by delegates from European countries will be the proposed European space platform, part of the American space station project.

MAIN SPACE PROJECTS

Project	Cost	Achievement
Apollo	$ US 40bn	150 man-days in space
Space shuttle	$ US 14bn-US 35bn	14,000 man-days in space
Space station	$ US 8bn-US 20bn	55,000 man-days in space

Source: British Aerospace.

The British space centre is to assist in managing any contribution Britain makes to either the American or the European effort. The details were outlined by the minister in charge of space, Mr Geoffrey Pattie, before his departure for Rome.

"The responsibility for space has been scattered around government departments, academic institutions and industry and there is clearly a need for a much sharper focus for Britain's space effort", he said.

"We have been appraising the direction of British space policy in light of the new proposals for the European Space Agency's long-term programme and the invitation from President Reagan to participate in their manned space station to be launched in 1992."

British ministers will recommend that Europe responds positively to the American invitation. Space experts in Britain are keen on a space platform which will be part of the manned space station project.

The platform itself will be unmanned but can be serviced by the space shuttle. It will be a laboratory and ideal as a space observatory.

Moscow's overture spurned by Peking

From Mary Lee
Peking

China said yesterday that a world communist conference, as proposed by the Soviet Union recently, would only "exacerbate the differences and widen the split" in the international communist movement and "would do nothing to further world peace".

The comment came from a spokesman for the Communist *Party Central Committee*, Mr Wu Xingtang, at a press conference called to announce the party's attendance at the French Communist Party's 25th congress on February 6 to 10.

The Chinese party's sharp *rejection of the Soviet proposal* puts into perspective the freeze in party-to-party relations which contrasts with the closer economic ties between the two countries, since the visit of the First Soviet Deputy Premier Mr *Ivan Arkhipov, last December.*

In reply to questions, Mr Wu repeatedly said: "This has not been considered", but added that his party was willing to establish, restore and develop relations with any communist party in the world on the basis of the four principels of independence, complete equality, mutual respect and non-interference in each other's affairs".

Mr Wu also said his party was ready "at any point to exchange views on those issues of common concern bilaterally".

The Chinese party will send Mr Ni Zhifu, a Politburo member, and Mr Li Shuzhen of the International Liason Department to the French party congress. Hanoi rebuffed, page 9



Tuning up: Away from the pressures of Parliament, Mr Edward Heath preparing with the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra yesterday for a series of concerts in Israel.

Lange asks US for substitute warship

Wellington (AFP) – The United States has been asked to send a substitute warship to New Zealand because Washington has failed to confirm that the vessel proposed for a March visit is not nuclear-armed, a New Zealand Government source said yesterday. New Zealand's Labour Government has banned visits by nuclear armed warships.

The source said Mr David Lange, the New Zealand Prime Minister, had asked the US ambassador for a substitute vessel to make a port visit, planned at the end of the Sea Eagle exercise of the Anzus pact nations (Australia, New Zealand and United States) in March.

Sources here said New Zealand wanted an Oliver Hazard Perry class guided-missile frigate to make the visit, instead of a nuclear-capable warship nominated by the United States. Although the vessel has not been specifically named, it is understood to be capable of using nuclear weapons.

The exercise, involving warships from all three countries, will be held off the Queensland coast of Australia from late February to early March.

Mr Lange said on Monday that New Zealand intelligence had been unable to determine *whether the warship nominated* by the United States would be carrying nuclear arms. The issue of the visit was close to a solution, he added.

It is understood that New Zealand expects a response from Washington in the next few days on whether an altenative vessel might make the visit.

Guerrillas blast hospital in Kabul

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

Afghan *Mujahidin* guerrillas last week bombed a military hospital in the centre of Kabul, killing three Afghan doctors and one other person, according to western diplomats here.

They said the bomb exploded in the outpatients department of the hospital in the Mecrorayon district of the capital where many Soviet and other east European advisers live. The *hospital was described by the* diplomats as Soviet-run, and administered by the academy of sciences of the armed forces.

One embassy here speculated that the likely target was the many Soviet soldiers treated by the hospital after being wounded in action against the guerrillas. Soviet unpopularity in the district is shown by another incident reported by diplomats in which two Russian women were stoned by an angry crowd last month.

Guerrilla activity, however, is *at a low ebb because of an* exceptionally bitter winter and heavier than usual snowfalls.

The Western sources also report that the Russians are still reinforcing Paktia province in the east in an apparent effort to block the *Mujahidin* supply routes from Pakistan. The Afghan Government has complained to Pakistan about shots being fired from across the border, preventing helicopters landing with supplies at Barikot, a border town in Kunar province.

***One source said this* confirmed reports that the town was cut off by guerrillas and could only be supplied by air.**

Legal aid reforms proposed

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

A package of reforms to end the hardships of the present legal aid scheme, including mandatory legal aid in the crown courts and measures to help the "middle income" litigant, are put to the Lord Chancellor in a report published yesterday.

The report, by the Lord Chancellor's legal aid advisory committee, contains the findings of a large-scale review of the financial and other criteria on which legal aid is now granted.

It outlines a number of measures to bring the scheme, now costing £235 million a year, up to date. It was founded about 40 years ago.

More people of "small and moderate means" now become involved in civil litigation, it says. That is not because legal aid is available, but because Parliament has created new rights and to assert or defend them often involves litigation or the threat of it.

In the criminal sphere the courts have sustained "a steadily increasing burden of business' and the chance of a citizen *coming into contact with the* criminal justice system as a defendant has risen with the growth of new offences, particularly in the road traffic area, the report says.

The costs of legal aid have risen but that is because the system of justice itself is *expensive, the report says.*

Dr Ronald Tress, chairman of the committee until the end of last year and director of the Leverhulme Trust, said: "If legal aid expenditure needs to be contained, the first priority *should* not be restrictions on legal aid eligibility or scope but measures directed at the root cause of the problem, namely the expense of obtaining justice through the courts."

It is unacceptable, the report adds, for the price of an expensive system of justice to be the restriction of eligibility for legal aid and thus of effetive access to that system.

Among reforms called for by the committee are, in the criminal sphere, mandatory legal aid for crown court trials and for commitals for sentence.

In theory, the report says, legal aid is available for any criminal offence. In practice *fewer than one in five* defendants receives it. Most of those are in magistrates' courts.

In the magistrates' courts, the discretionary criteria for granting aid sould be improved, the *report says, and the grant* become mandatory – subject to means testing – for certain specified offences such as burglary.

In civil legal aid, the report calls for a series of changes "as a matter of urgency" to eliminate the most frequent *instances of hardship. Capital* should still be assessed, but steps should be taken to improve the position of people, often retired, who depend on income from capital for day-to-day living.

Published with the report is one on legal aid by the Law Society, which runs the scheme. The society calls in particular for legal aid to be extended to proceedings before social security commissioners and for representation before immigration appeals.

34th legal aid annual reports. (Stationery Office, £14).

Man killed wife then himself

A former policeman strangled his wife and then hanged *himself because he felt he was a* failure, an inquest was told yesterday.

Dereck Fryer, aged 58, a deputy churchwarden and school caretaker, killed his wife Ruth with his hands the inquest at Walthamstow, north-east London was told. Mrs Fryer, aged 60, also a former police officer, had tried to fight him off and scratched his face, a post mortem examination showed.

He covered her body with a sheet and went to his lock-up garage where he hanged himself from a cord fixed to the rafters. Their bodies were found on December 21. Mr Fryer was due to return to hospital the following day for psychiatric treatment.

The couple's son-in-law Mr Nick Rhodes, a local government officer, discovered them when he went to their home in Shernall Street, Walthamstow, with a local vicar. Mr Rhodes said that Mr Fryer had a history of depression but Mrs Fryer always thought she could cope.

Dr Harold Price, the coroner said: "In normal health Mr Fryer *was a good man and very* religious." Verdicts were recorded that Mrs Fryer was unlawfully killed and Mr Fryer killed himself while the balance of mind was disturbed.

300 firms set out to recruit workers

There will be two Job '85 exhibitions this spring in Birmingham and London, after the success of a similar event last year at Wembley, which was attended by more than 14,000 people seeking work.

*Job '85, described as a job-*hunter's supermarket, will feature the display stands of more than 300 companies with vacancies.

Each exhibitor pays £1,485 for the chance to recruit the *thousands of job seekers who* are admitted free.

The exhibitions, which will each last four days, are at the Birmingham National Exhibition Centre from April 25-27, and in the Wembley Conference *Centre from May 8-11.*

Watches were cheap imitations

Customers of Lebanon jewellers, Brompton Road, central London, paid up to £5,000 for cheap copies of expensive brand name watches, Southwark Crown Court was told yesterday.

The shop owners, Giltmark Ltd, were prosecuted by Westminster City Council after a complaint by Omega. They admitted seven charges of offering to supply watches contrary to the Trade Descriptions Act and one charge of supplying with a false description written on an invoice.

They also asked for 77 similar offences to be taken into consideration. The shop was fined £24,000 and ordered to pay £2,000 prosecution costs.

£10,000 ivory madonna stolen

A fourteenth century ivory sculpture of the Madonna and child worth at least £10,000 was stolen from Tewkesbury Abbey, Gloucestershire on Monday night.

The statuette belongs to the Dean and chapter of Gloucester Cathedral.

Shotgun fine

The director of the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge, Professor Michael Jaffe, aged 61, of Grove Lodge, 2 Trumpington Street, Cambridge, was fined £50 yesterday after admitting having a shotgun without a licence.

Lady Head in fall

Lady (Dorothea) Head, aged 77, widow of Lord Head, the former Conservative Cabinet minister, was "satisfactory" in Odstock Hospital, Salisbury, Wiltshire, yesterday, after she slipped and cracked her hip disturbing an intruder at her home.

Murder charge

John Kearney, aged 28, of Gordon Road, South Woodford, *northeast* London, was remanded in custody until Friday when he appeared before Kent magistrates yesterday, charged with the murder of Mr Thomas Cousins, a jeweller, during a raid on his shop in Canterbury last Friday.

MPs oppose oil well plan

Two MPs, including Mr David Howell, the former Conservative minister for energy will be among witnesses who will speak against a plan to drill for oil near a Surrey village.

An inquiry into the scheme *by Conoco, the American oil* company opened yesterday at Ash in Surrey.

The oil company wants to drill an exploratory well in Highfield Copse in the village of Normandy near by, but hundreds of residents living in the area fear that the scheme could lead to a massive oilfield.

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	35	£9,699	£13,271	£40,307
	49	£4,702	£4,973	£8,929
£15	18	£30,105	£58,902	£397,674
	35	£14,858	£20,329	£61,746
	49	£7,203	£7,618	£12,299
£20	18	£40,557	£79,353	£535,747
	35	£20,017	£27,387	£85,185
	49	£9,704	£10,263	£16,569
£25	18	£51,010	£99,806	£673,832
	35	£25,176	£34,446	£104,625
	49	£12,205	£12,908	£20,840
£30 (min. age 23*)	23	£50,114	£90,530	£487,769
	35	£30,335	£41,505	£126,064
	49	£14,706	£15,553	£25,110

This sample table shows the amount of initial life cover. The number of years for which it is guaranteed is 16 years at age 18, 15 years at 23, 14 years at 28, 12 years at 35 and 9 years at 49. After the 'guaranteed period,' your life cover moves in line with the performance of the Multiple Growth Fund. An example of the value of your life cover at age 65, assuming actual (14.4% net p.a. Nov 1974–Nov 1984) and hypothetical conservative (8% net p.a.) growth rates is also shown. No policyholder may have more than the maximum sum assured for his/her age.
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Monthly Contribution	Male Age	Cash Value age 65 8% growth	Cash Value age 65 14.4% growth
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	35	£5,785	£17,784
	49	£1,465	£2,429
£15	18	£29,901	£202,795
	35	£8,863	£27,244
	49	£2,245	£3,722
£20	18	£40,281	£273,193
	35	£11,940	£36,704
	49	£3,024	£5,014
£25	18	£50,666	£343,625
	35	£15,018	£46,165
	49	£3,804	£6,306
£30 (min. age 23*)	23	£45,000	£243,887
	35	£18,095	£55,625
	49	£4,583	£7,598

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Austrian defence chief keeps post but says sorry for greeting Nazi

From Our Correspondent, Vienna

Herr Friedhelm Frischenschlager, the Austrian Defence Minister, has apologized for welcoming the former Nazi SS officer Walter Reder in his return from Italy but will not resign, Chancellor Fred Sinowatz announced yesterday.

Her Frischenschlager, who caused a storm of protest when he shook hands with Reder, was recalled from an official visit to Egypt to explain his behaviour at a three-hour Cabinet meeting.

At a press conference afterwards Dr Sinowatz insisted that the Defence Minister still enjoyed the confidence of the Government. He denied that the decision to keep Her Frischenschlager was the result of the threat by Herr Norbert Steer, Vice-Chancellor and leader of the Liberal Party, to pull his party out of the Government if the minister was forced to resign.

Should the Minister lose Friday's confidence motion in the Austrian Parliament and so resign, Dr Sinowatz declared that he would resign as well.

Herr Helmut Zilk the Socialist mayor of Vienna, and one of the more influential figures in the party, defied Dr Sinowatz by repeating calls for the Minister's dismissal yesterday.

Herr Frischenschlager in a statement read to reporters by the Chancellor, said: "I have used the last few days to consider my position with regard to the convicted war criminal Walter Reder and I admit that I made a mistake."

He said nothing could have been further from his mind than *to give a convicted war criminal* the impression of an official or military welcome. Stressing his faith in Austria's democratic system of government, the minister said he regretted the way in which what he called an "essentially humaitarian duty" had been overshadowed by memories of Reder's war crimes.

The Austrian Army had discharged only a technical duty in flying Reder to Baden near Vienna, and his own presence with him was in a purely personal capacity.

"I am sorry for my erroneous assessment and I can only regret it to you, Mr Chancellor, and to the entire public."

Dr Sinowatz, who had called Herr Frischenschlager's conduct "a serious political error", said there was no doubt about the minister's democratic attitude. He added that all the ministers attending yesterday's Cabinet session accepted Herr Frischenschlager's apology.

But the Opposition People's Party yesterday renewed its demands for the minister's resignation, although one of *their MPs from Carinthia*, a part of southern Austria traditionally known for its right-wing sympathies, said the local party organization was exploring means of employing Reder on his release.

The union of Austrian soldiers, however, in a terse press statement issued yesterday, demanded that Reder, who is at present in a military hospital in Baden, be removed to a civilian hospital where he can be looked after by the Red Cross rather than the Austrian Army Medical Corps.

Some of the world's most influential Jews were in the capital for a conference of the World Jewish Congress and Sinowatz had to apologize personally to the Congress.

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Handshake with fugitive threatens minister's job

From John Earle, Rome

President Pertini of Italy is reported to have demanded the resignation of his Labour Minister, who shook hands and chatted with a suspected terrorist.

The text of his private letter to the Prime Minister, Signor Bettino Craxi, remains unpublished, but there is widespread speculation that it calls for the removal of the socialist Minister, Signor Gianni De Michaelis.

Whether a minister should chat with a man who has fled his country's justice is thus at the centre of a dispute between Italy's head of state and head of government.

In Paris on January 5, Signor De Michaelis was buttonhold on a visit to an exhibition by Signor Oreste Scalzone, a left-wing extremist, who has sought refuge in France from a 28-year jail sentence imposed by an Italian court.

Remarks were exchanged, though reports differ as to the length and depth of their conversation.

When the conversation became known, Signor De Michaelis was able to convince Signor Craxi that it was of little substance. President Pertini thought differently, and wrote Signor Craxi the letter.

Since the 1970s, successive Italian governments have maintained that the French authorities are too open-handed in allowing refuge to wanted men.



Honorary turban: Mr Rajiv Gandhi and his wife, Sonia, with Sikh folk dancers at Republic Day festivities in Delhi.

Polls show waning enthusiasm for Gandhi

From Michael Hamlyn
Delhi

The voters of India – at least in those five constituencies which missed out on the general election and went to the polls on Monday – seem to be showing a reluctance to continue the wholehearted endorsement *of the Government of* Mr Rajiv Gandhi.

The euphoric enthusiasm for the new Prime Minister at Christmas has been *scaled down by the voters whose ballots* were counted yesterday, and the results may be a depressing omen for the state legislature elections which will take place in the first week of March.

The voters of Chail, a mountain resort in Uttar Pradesh, appeared to be making amends to Chowdhury Charan Singh whose Dalit Mazdoor Kisan Party was almost annihilated in December. The DMKP candidate was well ahead as the count progressed late last night.

In the southern state of Andhra Pradesh *the voters again turned away from* Mr Gandhi's Congress Party. In December, the local regional party, Telegu Desam, led *by the former film star Chief Minister*, Mr N. T. Rama Rao, became the largest single opposition party in Parliament. Yesterday, the voters added another Telegu Desam member from the Srikakulam constituency. He beat his Congress rival by over 100,000 votes.

In a second Andhra constituency, the Telegu Desam candidate was also ahead of his Congress rival last night by more than 100,000 votes.

In Madras, the voters appear also to have wanted to pull the rug from under Congress and their allies. The candidate of the rival Dravida Munnetra Kaghazam Party was in the lead as votes were being counted.

But in the city of Bhopal, in Madhya Pradesh, were the earlier election was put *off after the gas tragedy*, the voters appear not to be blaming the Congress Government

Gap found in White House security

Washington – The arrest of an *intruder in the* White House has shown that, despite massive security, it is as easy to gain access there as it was for Michael Fagan to get into Buckingham Palace (Nicholas Ashford writes).

Mr Robert Latta, a water meter reader from Denver, Colorado, inquired at the *White* House on January 20 about guided tours and was told there were none that day. *But* he spotted a Marine band marching through another entrance and followed them into the White House.

Secret Service men found him sitting at Mr Reagan's dining table on the second floor. He has been charged with unlawful entry and released on $1,000 bail.

Lebanese pound goes on falling

Beirut (Reuter) – The Lebanese pound renewed its record-breaking plunge yesterday, hours after the Government announced measures to bolster the economy and stabilize the currency.

The Prime Minister, Mr Rashid Karami, flew to Damascus for talks with President Assad on the economic crisis as the pound fell to between 11.70 and 11.80 to the dollar, well below Monday's 10.60 to 10.70 mark.

Unity search in Strasbourg

Brussels – Foreign Ministers and representatives of all but two of the 21 countries in the Council of Europe met in Strasbourg yesterday for a first attempt to frame a united West *European position on world* problems (Ian Murray writes).

The meeting, called by Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, was devoted mainly to East-West relations, the Middle East and Latin America.

Onassis baby

Paris (Reuter) – Christina Onassis, the 34-year-old Greek shipping heiress, gave birth to her first child, a girl, in the American Hospital here. She married a French businessman, M Thierry Roussel, her fourth husband, last March.

Cell suicide

Düsseldorf (Reuter) – Dieter Engelbrecht, the 46-year-old West German millionaire sentenced to 10 years' jail on Monday for raping and torturing his *children's* teenage nanny, hanged himself in his prison cell here yesterday.

Cave arsenal

Ankara – Turkish troops discovered a big arms cache, presumed to be hidden by Kurdish guerrillas, at a cave near Cukurca on the Iraq border, *martial* law authorities announced.

Herpes pill

New York (Reuter) – The US *Food and Drug Administration* has approved the first capsules to be taken on prescription for treatment of Genital herpes.

Harvest fails in Ethiopia

Food aid must rise fourfold

From Paul Vallely, Addis Ababa

More than 30 per cent of Ethiopia's last harvest was lost and in the worst hit areas 80 per cent of the crops failed, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) says.

Foreign aid will have to be 400 per cent higher this year than last if about seven million Ethiopian peasants are not to starve, according to the report, to be considered by a meeting of donors in Rome today.

Senior civil servants from *donor countries and officials of* the main relief agencies will attend the meeting, called by Ethiopia, to present its "shopping list" for this year's aid.

Over the country as a whole, including those parts of Eritrea and Tigré controlled by rebel forces, the report concludes that the harvest was 32 per cent below that of a normal year. In some areas *the harvest* is 60 or 70 per cent down and in the worst cases a mere 20 per cent of an average year.

The reduction means a shortfall of between 1.7 million and 2 million tons. "This may be roughly equivalent to the ordinary consumption of between 6.5 million and 8 million persons," the report says. To import enough food to fill that gap donor countries would need to pledge four times the amounts offered in 1984 – most of which has not, in any *case, arrived in Ethiopia* yet.

The Ethiopians will be asking today's conference for a number of measures: Accelerated delivery of grain already pledged and promises of more grain; help in financing port expenses; prolonging the stay of foreign aircraft and medical teams; contributions of grain to a buffer stock; provision of more lorries and spare parts; and help with the controversial resettlement scheme.

● NAIROBI: Twenty-one *drought-affected countries* in Africa will need 6.6 million tons of food aid in the 1984/85 season – twice as much as they received in 1983/84 – the FAO says in an overall assessment of the African food situation (Charles Harrison writes).

Total pledges of food aid for the current year are still 2.2 million tons short of the FAO's estimate of needs and less than half of the pledge aid has so far been delivered, the report says.

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Geldof plays a new tune

Bob Geldof, the pop star whose record *Feed the World* has raised more than £8 million for Ethiopia's famine victims, has now joined forces with Britain's computer games companies to raise even more money.

All the leading games software houses have combined to produce a pack of 10 best-selling computer games and all the proceeds will go to the Ethiopian Famine Appeal.

The project is the brainchild of Rod Cousens, managing director of Quicksilva, and the 10-game cassette will sell for £2.99. Tapes are being produced for both the Spectrum and the Commodore 64, the two most popular home microcomputers, and both will include music from Bank Aid's record.

Israel offers to house Palestinians

From Christopher Walker
Beersheba

Israel has proposed to Egypt *that 500 Palestinian refugee* families living in Egyptian territory be allowed to return to the Israeli-occupied Gaza Strip to be reunited with relatives and friends left behind in 1982.

Israeli sources say some 6,000 Palestinians would be involved. *The transfer is necesary* because the border town of Rafah was divided at the time of Israel's withdrawal from Sinai.

The proposal was raised during negotiations between Israel and Egypt which resumed in Beersheba with US participation this week after nearly two years. The talks, which ended last night, concentrated on the disputed desert strip at Taba.

It is understood that Israel is looking for about $7 million (£6.3 million) in compensation from Egypt to rehouse the refugees.

The Palestinians have been *pressing for more than* two years about their anomalous situation, which has not only split families but also deprived many of work.

A joint communique last night said Egypt had responded favourably to the requests, which are to be discussed between the two sides soon.

The Popieluszko murder trial

Death demand for priest's killer

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

A Polish state prosecutor yesterday demanded the death sentence for Grzegorz Piotrowski, a secret police officer, for killing Father Jerzy Popieluszko "in cold blood, with utmost cruelty and exceptional ruthlessness" *and called for 25-year* jail terms for the three other agents involved in the murder.

Piotrowski heard the demand in silence, his face blenched. When Leszek Pietrasinski, the prosecutor, described him as a "cold, calculating, merciless *murderer*", *it seemed as if he* would explode with anger and in one of the recesses he suffered a spell of dizziness, but otherwise the former captain, the first secret policeman in the Soviet Bloc to face such a public trial, held his emotions in check.

"Piotrowski attempted to project himself during the trial *as a sensitive person with a* sense of responsibility for his subordinates", said the state prosecutor. "But let others judge him morally."

Mr Pietrasinski managed to underscore in his summing up speech two points that the Jaruzelski leadership wanted to make for the benefit of those who have been following the *trial in Moscow*.

First, Father Popieluszko, an outspoken champion of Solidarity, had himself been acting illegally before he was murdered. Second, the trial had found no evidence of a top level conspiracy against General Jaruzelski, and if there were masterminds behind the Popieluszko murder they were not in *the Interior Ministry*.

Thus, while the prosecution demand will probably find popular support in Poland it is not entirely free of a bitter political aftertaste.

Father Popieluszko "was filled with hatred for socialist Poland" the prosecutor said. "In his sermons he spoke of struggle against our system. He called for unrest. He mocked our authorities. He fell victim of the defendants who, just like him, felt they ould act above the law."

He made an astonishing equation between the victim and his murderers. "They were extremists just as he was an extremist."

Mr Pietrasinski argued that there were no men in high places, none, at any rate, that were unmasked by trial testimony, no masterminds and no conspirators. The highest the *conspiracy* went was Adam Pietruszka, aged 47, the deputy director of the secret police church monitoring department.

Though charged only with complicity, rather than direct participation in the murder, the prosecutor demanded a 25-year jail term for him – the maximum imprisonment under Polish law – because he must take a large slice of blame for the killing.

The Interior Ministry, which *oversees the secret police*, was given a clean bill of health by the prosecutor, despite the welter of suspicion that surrounds a number of officers.

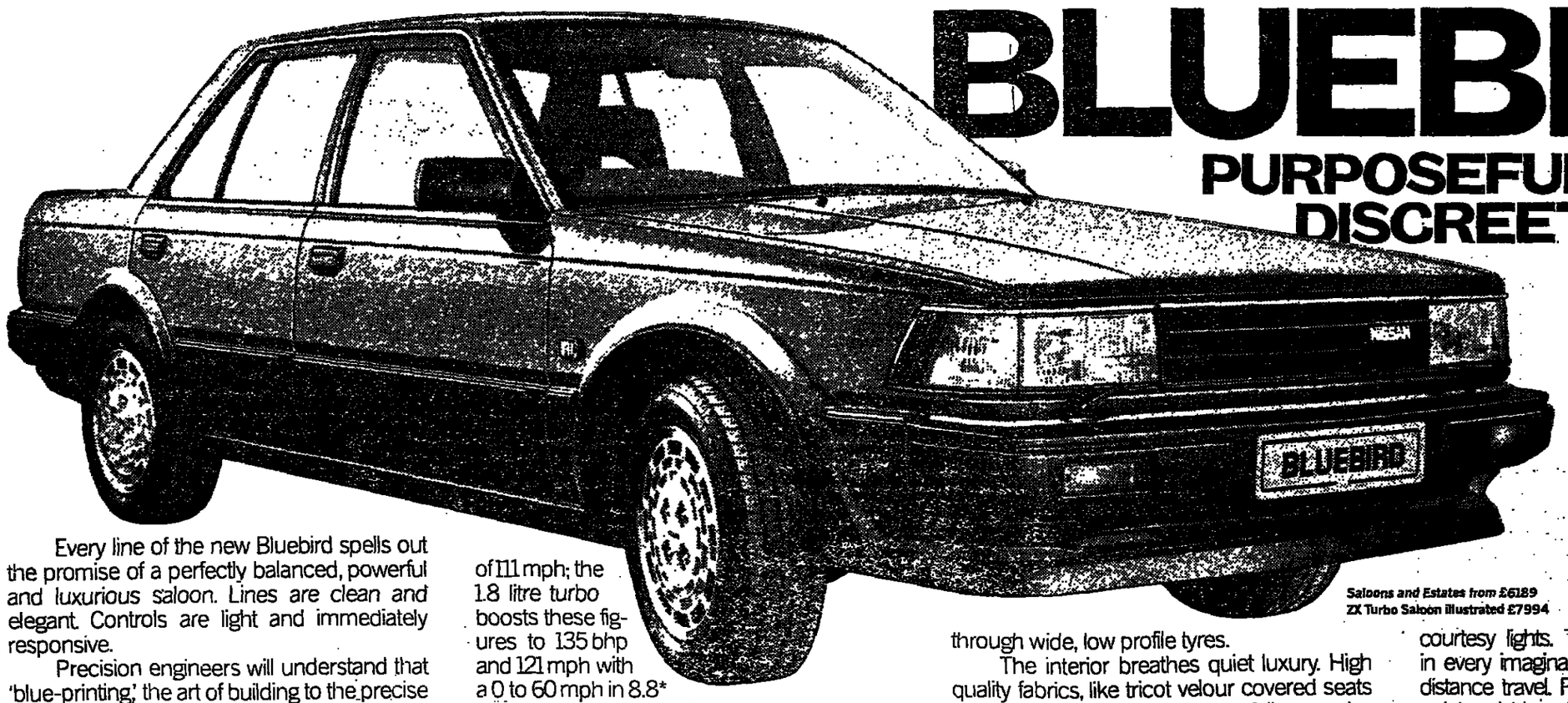
The initial prosecution speech was delivered by Mr Zygmunt Kolacki, the Torun *prosecutor, who catalogued the* facts of the crime.

Mr Pietrasinski, from Warsaw and obviously *attuned to* the expectations of the authorities, then took over the prosecution presentation. The first half was an attack on the four accused. After the recess, he then turned on Father Popieluszko and ended with the *demand for the severest* possible penalty for Piotrowski.

Today the lawyers representing the Popieluszko family and Mr Waldemar Chrostowski, the priest's driver, will exercise their rights as auxiliary prosecutors to make their sentencing demands.

Sentencing is expected next week.

In Poland, civilians sentenced to death are taken to Gdansk and hanged. Soldiers are shot.



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Penniless EEC in dire need of cash

From Ian Murray
Brussels

The British House of Commons is likely to asked again later this year to approve another loan for the EEC to help the Community pay its way out of trouble.

Foreign ministers meeting in Brussels yesterday had to concentrate their minds on the fact that the Community has no budget for this year and that none of its problems can be properly sorted out until it has one.

Britain has always said that the best way out of the mess would be to increase contributions to the community from next October. But West Germany and Holland are so adamantly opposed to this idea that there seems no way out if Britain does not agree to a new intergovernmental agreement to find necessary money.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, said after yesterday's meeting: "We can't exclud any possible mithod of bringing these matters to a conclusion."

At the same time he rejected utterly any prospects of surrendering Britain's right to a £600 million reduction in its contributions this year. What he does seem prepared to consider is a second loan to meet the bills this year and to pav the way for enlargement with Spain and Portugal from the start of next year.

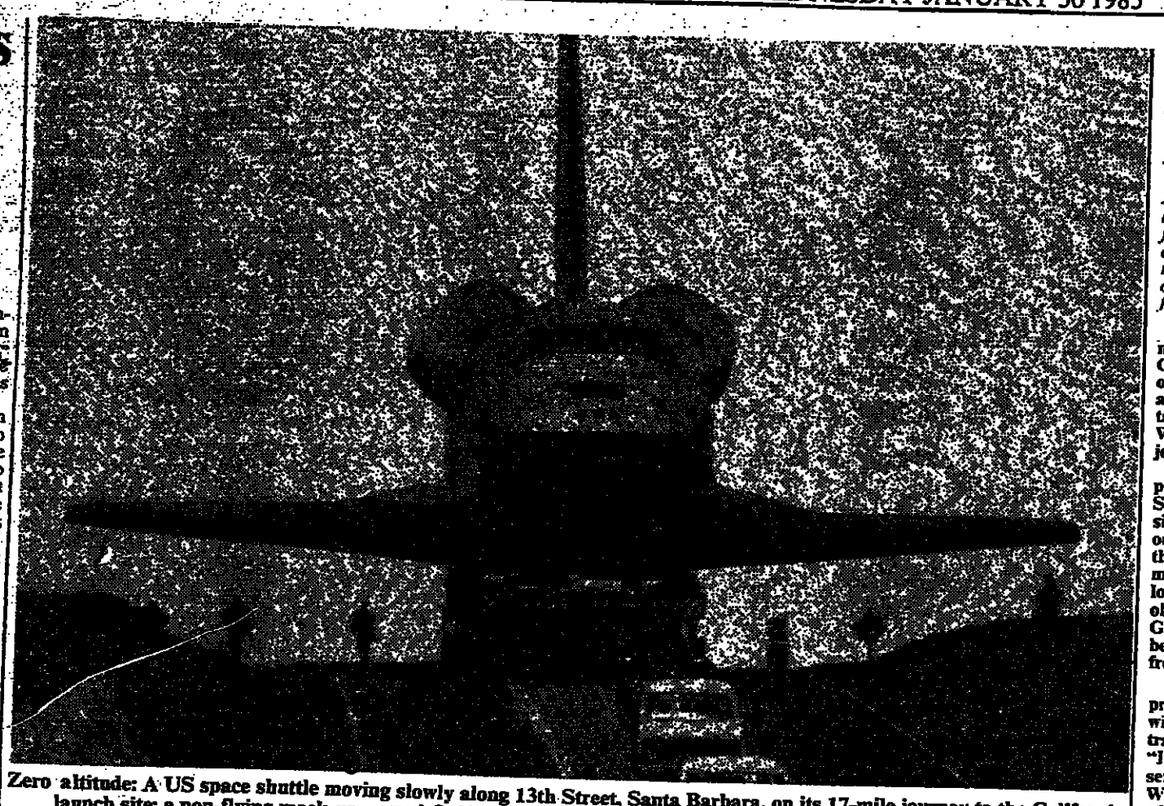
The council was warned by Mr Henning Christopherson, the Budget Commissioner, that agricultural spending this year was likely to be around £1,200 million more than the Community could afford at the moment. And this is before any of the new season's price rises, which are due to be proposed by the Commission today.

The farm price package is expected to be tough, with cuts of 3.6 per cent in the cereals sector and 1.5 per cent increase for dairy farmers – who this year have had incomes slashed by the quoto scheme and who had no rise al all last year.

But even if the proposals add very little to the budget this year, the volatile foreign market and the inevitable difficulties of estimating world markets means that the Community is bound to need a lot more money to pay its bills.

Sir Geoffrey yesterday said "we need to look at every ECU" (European currency unit) before approving anything and Britain will be scrutinizing every Commission proposal in great detail. But the need for more money is certain.

Holland has put forward a suggestion that the new intergovernmental agreement whould be large enough to allow Britain to have its promised contribution reduction inside the present limits. This would meet the political requirement of Sir Geoffrey that Britain cannot be asked to pay for its own reduction.



Zero altitude: A US space shuttle moving slowly along 13th Street, Santa Barbara, on its 17-mile journey to the California launch site; a non-flying mock-up named Orbiter Enterprise, it was being used to test access and road conditions.

Airline pays more to buy British

From Ian Murray
Brussels

A Caribbean airline has decided to buy British rather than accept a very low interest £16 million EEC loan for buying a Franco-Italian aircraft. Choosing four British Aerospace aircraft will cost the airline a considerable amount in extra interest payments, but it has decided this is better than being forced to accept an aircraft it does not want.

The airline, Leeward Islands Air Transport (LIAT), was told last autumn by the European Commission that the best replacement aircraft for its 20 year-old fleet was the ATR42. This is a new technology aircraft two years away from earning its certificate of airworthiness.

LIAT, however, wanted to buy British Aerospace's Super 748, the latest model of their old and trusted aircraft. Although it does not have the economical, low noise technology of the other machine the airline needs repacement immediately and has insisted that it cannot wait for the ATR42.

British Aerospace is developing its own new technology aircraft and has offered to buy back the 748s at cost to supply its modern replacement as soon as it is airworthy.

The money to buy two of the new aircraft is coming from American Citibank at near commercial rates. The money for the other two is coming from the British Government at preferential rates. The loan will therefore cost significantly more than the EEC offer. But LIAT believes that it will still be better off with the 748.

Inquiry reopens on Reagan confidant

From Christopher Thomas
Washington

The Senate Judiciary Committee yesterday resumed hearings into the controversial nomination of Mr Edwin Meese, a close confidant ofPresident Reagan, as Attorney General. A staunch ally of the right wing of the Republican Party, he is at present the White House counsellor, a position that gives him important influence in the Oval Office.

Mr Meese, a longstanding Californian friend of Mr Reagan, has been the subject of serious ethical and criminal accusations, mainly concerning his financial dealings with people who later received Federal Government posts.

After a five-month investigation last year, during which more than 200 witnesses were interviewed, a court-appointed independent lawyer found no basis for prosecution.

His own lawyers wrote in *The Washington Post* yesterday: "There was not a shred of evidence that Meese had ever had the slightest intention of doing what hisopponents had been accusing him of, which was selling Government appointments in return for personal financial favours."

How real is Washington's unity?

Hollow-sounding harmony

After reporting the Geneva talks and then visiting Washington for discussions with US arms control officials, Richard Owen reports from Moscow in the first of three articles on the prospects for progress in disarmament.

When the Shultz and Gromyko delegations met in Geneva this month to hammer out a framework for the new arms talks, the Soviets were taken aback by the presence of Western (mainly American) journalists in large numbers.

They were even more surprised when no one in the Shultz delegation leaked a single detail of what was going on behind the closed gates of the Soviet and American missions. "Those Americans love to talk to the press", observed one source close to the Gromyko team. "But they had been told to present a united front, and they did".

Some Soviet officials believe privately that differences within the Reagan Administration have been exaggerated. "It is fun to read about," one senior Soviet observer of East-West affairs said this week. "But when the boss says 'This is what we do', then this is what they do. It's the same in Washington as in Moscow".

On the face of it, harmony prevails in the Reagan Administration as it enters its second term. Quarrels between the State Department, the Pentagon, the National Security Council and the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency are subdued nowadays. Reagan officials tell you, and have been set aside in the interests of American unity as the superpowers square up for the next talks on March 12 in Geneva.

Even Mr Richard Perle, the most outspokenly hawkish member of Mr Caspar Weinberger's staff at the Pentagon, was all smiles when President Reagan called Mr George Shultz and other members of the arms control team to the White House to congratulate them on their "patriotic achievement" in the Geneva encounter with Mr Gromyko.

But at least one seasoned Washington observer regards the new-found harmony as being "as temporary and fragile as the smile on Dick Perle's face".

EAST-WEST ARMS TALKS
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A particular problem is that the framework agreement reached in Geneva on January 8, after two days of hard bargaining, was so vague as to be open to several interpretations. There is room, in other words, for disagreement and misunderstanding not only between the Americans and Russians, but also between competing departments of the Reagan bureaucracy.

This became clear when Mr Andrei Gromyko gave a staged press conference on Soviet television shortly after Geneva. In a magisterial performance, widely applauded in Moscow for its air of relaxed authority, Mr Gromyko made clear that the Soviet priority was the elimination of President Reagan's cherished "Star Wars" research programme for space-based anti-missile defences.

He added firmly that the space issue was linked (the Geneva agreement says "interrelated") to the other two arms issues, strategic missiles and intermediate range missiles in Europe.

There was confusion in Washington, with Mr Shultz, the Secretary of State, and Mr Robert McFarlane, the National Security Adviser, agreeing that there was indeed an element of "linkage", and Mr Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, declaring in obvious surprise and dismay that this was news to him.

Several high Reagan officials believe strongly that if agreement is reached on strategic missiles, a treaty limiting strategic arsenals should not be held up by lack of agreement on space weapons.

No less ominously, Mr Gromyko and other Kremlin leaders have hinted that the Soviet demand for the withdrawal of cruise and Pershing 2 has not been abandoned, but merely laid temporarily to one side.

The third group of talks on intermediate Euro-missiles, in other words, is also full of pitfalls; and Reagan officials differ on the extent to which Washington's partners in Western Europe can be relied on to resist Soviet pressure to halt the deployment of Nato missiles in response to Russia's growing arsenal of SS20s.

The new Geneva talks promise to be even more arduous, complicated and entangled than the old Geneva talks of 1982-3.

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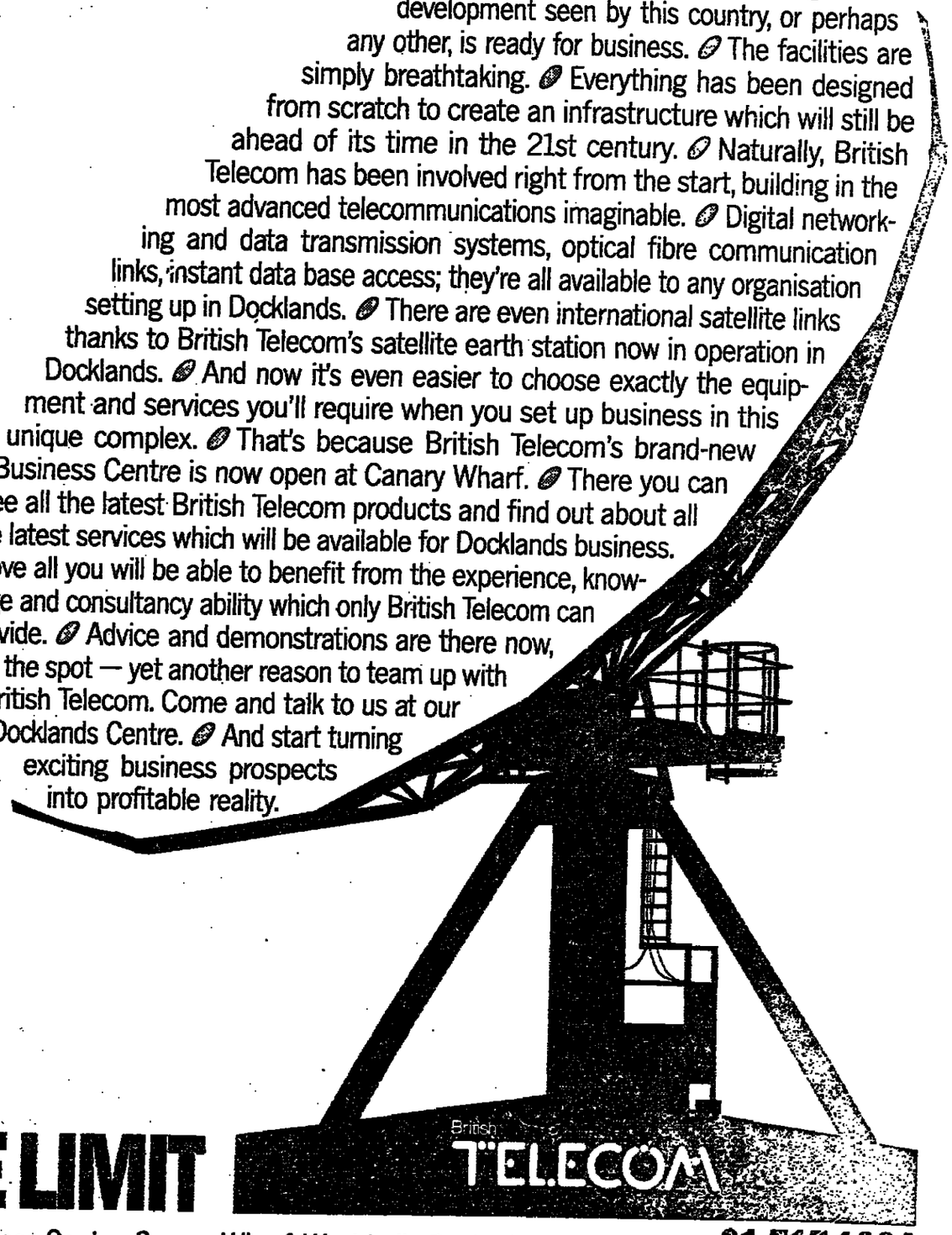
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Peking rebuffs Hanoi's hint of Cambodia peace as divisive ploy

From Stephen Taylor
Singapore

Signals that Vietnam may be interested in moves towards a peace settlement involving the withdrawal of its forces from Cambodia were dismissed as a propaganda ploy yesterday by Mr Wu Xueqian, the Chinese Foreign Minister.

Ending a five-day visit to Singapore, Mr Wu said that by holding out the prospect of a settlement Hanoi was trying to divide both its guerrilla opponents inside Cambodia and members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (Asean), which includes Singapore.

He also referred to tension on the Sino-Vietnamese border and in a reference to the 1979 conflict said that if Hanoi persisted in its provocation, China reserved the right to teach it "a second lesson".

Recent reports from Hanoi indicate that Vietnam would like to improve relations with the United States and is prepared to talk to the two non-communist guerrilla factions of the Coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea (CGDK).

A communique issued in Ho Chi Minh City last week by Vietnam, Laos and the Heng Samrin administration of Cambodia spoke of a new plan for peace in terms of a Vietnamese withdrawal and the exclusion from any peace process of the Khmer Rouge, the third CGDK group.



Mr Wu: Hanoi peace statements deceitful

Although Mr Wu said in Singapore that China would continue to support all factions to the best of its ability, Peking has in fact given most of its backing to the Khmer Rouge.

Yesterday he added that the three groups would be able to forge an independent, non-aligned Cambodia only if they were united. It was not possible for one faction to form a government.

Peace statements by Hanoi were deceitful and hollow, he said. Vietnam had created the problem by invading Cambodia and persisted in anti-guerrilla offensives which frequently violated Thai territory.

There was evidence during Mr Wu's visit of restraining efforts by Asean. After talks on Monday, the Singapore Foreign Ministry said it had been agreed that more patience was needed to bring Vietnam to the negotiating table. In the meantime, the guerrillas would be supported.

Singapore and other Asean members would like to see the non-communists, headed by Prince Norodom Sihanouk and Mr Son Sann, a former Prime Minister, emerge as the government of an independent Cambodia.

This new phase in dialogue over Cambodia will continue in March with a proposed visit to the region by Mr Bill Hayden, the Australian Foreign Minister. Australia, which has good relations with all the parties, sees itself as what it calls the "Facilitator" and Canberra is expected to announce a tour by Mr Hayden of Malaysia, Laos, Vietnam, Thailand and Singapore.

● HANOI: The UN Secretary-General Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, yesterday discussed Cambodia with the Vietnamese Foreign Minister, Mr Nguyen Co Thach, in talks that both described as "extremely useful."

● BANGKOK: Prince Norodom Sihanouk, leader of the anti-Vietnamese resistance in Cambodia, arrived in Bangkok from China last night for discussions with Señor Pérez de Cuéllar. (Neil Kelly writes).



Traditional gift: An Andean Indian boy handing a present to the Pope in Mérida

John Paul Superstar steals the show

Caracas (AFP) – The Pope triumphed here on Monday night at a show that could have been named "John Paul superstar". Dancing girls in skin-tight blue jeans were swinging their hips to Afro-Carribean Salsa music when the Pope appeared on the cinder track in the Olympic stadium here to talk to 40,000 youths.

The young cheered, sang hymns and chanted: *"Si, si, el Papa esta aqui"* (Yes, yes, the Pope is here).

At first, he could hardly be heard above the hubbub. "You can sing afterwards," he said. "Now the Pope wants to talk.

"You must not take refuge in alcohol, drugs, sex, alienating ideologies or those that preach hatred and violence."

The young people were listening seriously, no longer making a sound.

He warned them: "Do not fall into the revolutionary whirlpool. Join the effort to build, by peaceful means, a society that is more humane and fraternal."

The young people were singing and dancing again.

● CIUDAD GUAYANA: The Pope, urging an end to social injustice and a strengthening of moral values, was completing a 72-hour visit to Venezuala yesterday with a trip to this industrial city 350 miles south-east of Caracas (Reuter reports). He was returning to the capital later to say goodbye to President Jaime Lusinchi.

White House forced to reappraise its Nicaragua strategy

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The Reagan Administration's bellicose policies towards Nicaragua are in serious trouble because of intensive congressional opposition to renewing covert financial aid to US-backed anti-Government guerrillas. An urgent review of strategy is under way in the White House.

Congress and the White House are sharply at odds over future polices, so much so that senior White House aides are pondering whether to try a totally new approach. One idea is to recommend to Congress the provision of "humanitarian aid" to families of the American-backed rebels, while simultaneously mounting new sanctions against the leftist Nicaraguan Government.

There is a feeling on Capitol Hill that the Democrats have effectively scuttled the Administration's attempt to renew direct military aid to the rebels, which was cut off last spring. The Administration is asking for an initial $14 million (£12 million) in aid to the rebels to facilitate further action against the Sandinista Government.

The Administration will face a peculiarly difficult problem if further military aid is denied: what to do with an army of 14,000 guerrillas that grew up as a result of $75 million of direct US assistance between 1981 and 1984. The guerrillas get substantial private American help, but clearly not in such generous amounts.

The Honduran Government is worried. It is pressing for an agreement on the future of Nicaraguan rebels who have bases within its borders. In other words, it wants Washington to agree to pay to support the rebels should the guerrilla army fall apart. Honduras is the poorest country in Central America. Washington has privately answered with a flat "no".

A new sign of policy re-evaluation by the Administration towards Nicaragua emerged on Monday, when Mr Larry Speakes, the White House spokesman, said that President Reagan would again press Congress for aid for the rebels but that he was willing to consider alternatives

Mr Speakes said: "The US will not break faith with those who seek freedom and democracy in Central America or elsewhere. Assistance to those in Nicaragua is essential, in our opinion. However, we are willing to work closely with members of Congress as we seek this assistance."

Congress approved $14 million for the rebels last autumn but tied release of the funds to a second vote this year.

If American aid is continued the Honduran Government would, it is widely expected, allow the rebels to continue to operate from their bases. Without the aid, however, Honduras might be far less amenable to American wishes.

Bonn stops cash to exiles' newspaper

From Michael Binyon, Bonn

The Bonn Government has cut off funds for a Silesian exiles' newspaper which recently suggested an armed invasion to reconquer territory lost to Poland after the Second World War.

Herr Heinrich Windelen, the Minister for Inner-German Relations and himself a Silesian, reflected the Government's anger and embarrassment at the article by promptly refusing federal money for *Der Schlesier*, the official journal of the League of Silesian Exiles.



The affair is widely seen here as having dangerous consequences for West Germany's *Ostpolitik*.

It has already prompted bitter attacks of the leadership of Chancellor Helmut Kohl, who is being accused of weakness and vacillation in his handling of the hardline Silesian leaders. It also has led to angry polemics between Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the Foreign Minister, and right-wing Christian Democrats who accuse him of remaining silent about injustice in the East.

Despite persistent Opposition calls on Herr Kohl to cancel his planned address to a Silesian rally in Hanover in June, the Chancellor declared after a meeting of his party executive on Monday that he would still go. But he said his Government had already made clear statements on its position on Germany's borders, and he called on the exiles' leaders to do the same to avoid misinterpretation. The row was damaging West Germany's interests and image, he said.

Attacks on Bonn's policies have continued to pour out from Moscow, Warsaw and East Berlin. The East German party newspaper *Neues Deutschland* said the article on a possible invasion of the Warsaw Pact by the *Bundeswehr* was not just muddle-headedness by an individual, but revealed what lay behind all the talk in Bonn about keeping the German question open.

Most papers have been scathing about the Government's handling of the affair, and have praised Herr Genscher's outspokenness in insisting that Bonn accepts Germany's present borders as immutable. They noted however that the more he says this, the less clear the real attitude of the rest of the Government and coalition.

"The Government's foreign policy is already on a slope, and will continue to slide until Kohl clearly says that the regions beyond the Oder and Niesse are lost forever. The *Suddeutsche Zeitung* said yesterday. What Herr Herbert Wehner did for the Social Democratic Party (in accepting Adenauer's binding of West Germany to Nato), had still to be done by the CDU in *Ostpolitik*. "This gap is the source of all doubts and evils," the paper said.

The controversy has led to renewed tension within the coalition. Herr Alfred Dregger, the CDU floorleader who has taken a tough line towards East Germany, has warmly defended Herr Herbert Hupka, the Silesian league's chairman, who recently spoke of the "stolen homeland".

Herr Gensher, however, said on Friday that a handful of Silesian league functionaries were dragging West Germany's foreign policy into the gutter.

Kelly to defy Greens on rotation plan

Bonn – Frau Petra Kelly, one of the best known figures in The Greens Party, yesterday said she would defy a party ruling and not give up her Bundestag seat halfway through her term. (Michael Binyon writes).

She told the party parliamentary faction that she would remain an MP until the next general election in 1987 in order to follow through her political initiatives to help children with cancer, to fight for human rights, and to struggle for the dissolution of military blocs.

Frau Kelly has been joined in opposing the party's "rotation" principle by General Gert Bastian, who last year quit the party, accusing it of intrigue and power struggles, and now sits as an independent. The other Greens have agreed to stick by the party vote to hand.

Widow's plea in A-test case wins approval

The widow of a San Diego man who died of cancer after exposure to radiation during atomic tests in 1946 and 1952 has won the right to sue the US Government on the grounds that it did not warn him he could develop cancer (Ivor Davis writes).

The decision, from three judges of US Court of Appeals, reverses the findings of a San Diego judge that the government could not be sued because an administrative death claim filed by Mrs Florence Shipek, over the death of her husband, Carl, did not raise the Government's responsibility to issue cancer warnings.

Mr Shipek was a witness to tests in the Bikini Islands in 1946 and in Nevada six years later as a US Coastguard.

Delhi invasion plot claim

From Our Correspondent, Colombo

Sri Lanka's ruling United National Party has accused India of organizing an invasion of the island using Tamil seperatists as "troops".

It has called on President Jayewardene to demand that Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, take action to "stop Indian encouragement of terrorism".

A party working committee meeting on Monday night said India was using Tamil separatist rebels and political parties as its de facto troops on the island. A statement issued by Mr Nandalal Fernando, party secretary, after the meeting said what was happening in Sri Lanka was similar to what had happened in East Pakistan, resulting in the creation of a separate state.

It accused the research analysis wing of the Indian Government, which had organized the Indian invasion of East Pakistan, organizing a similar invasion of Sri Lanka.

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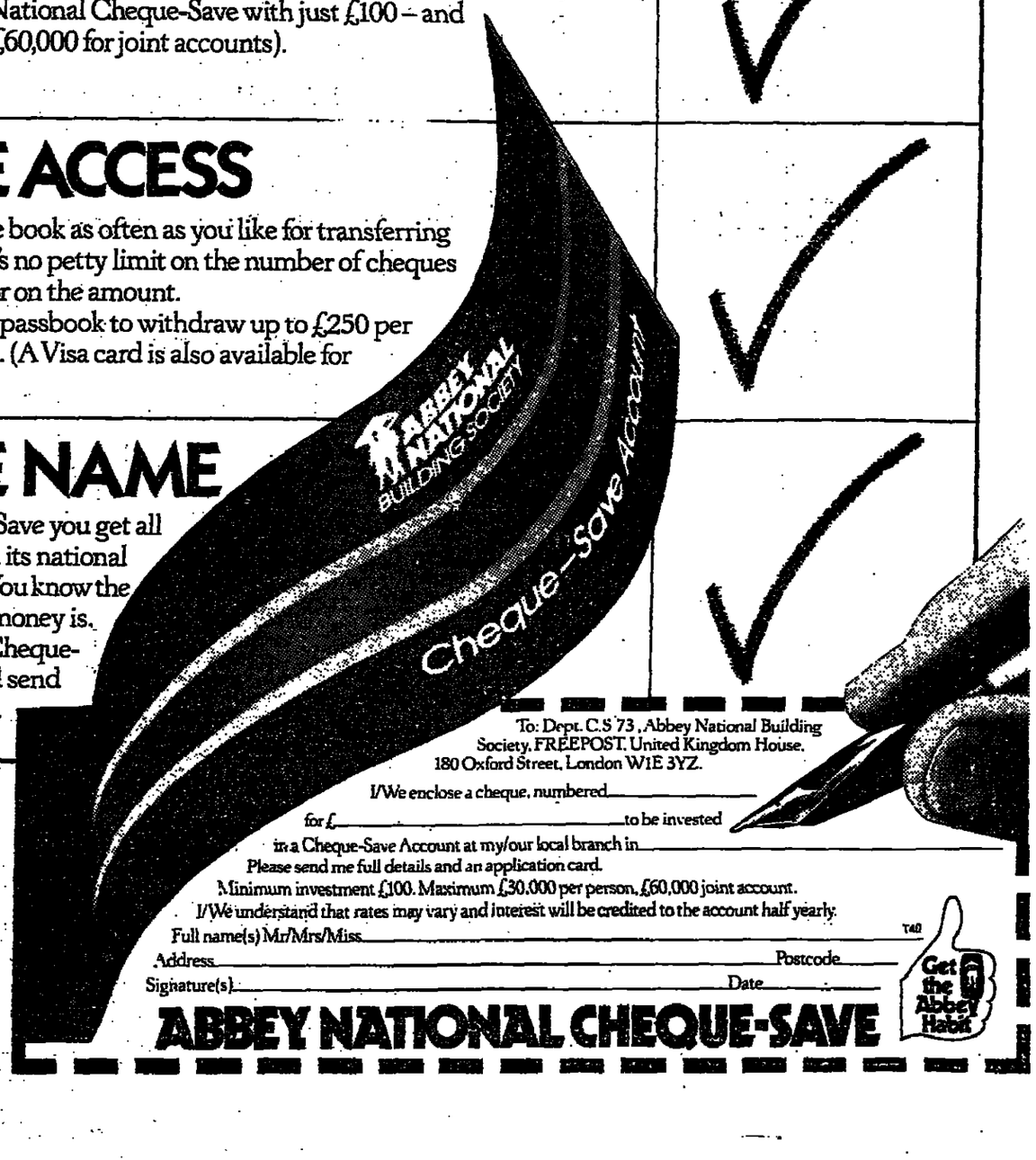
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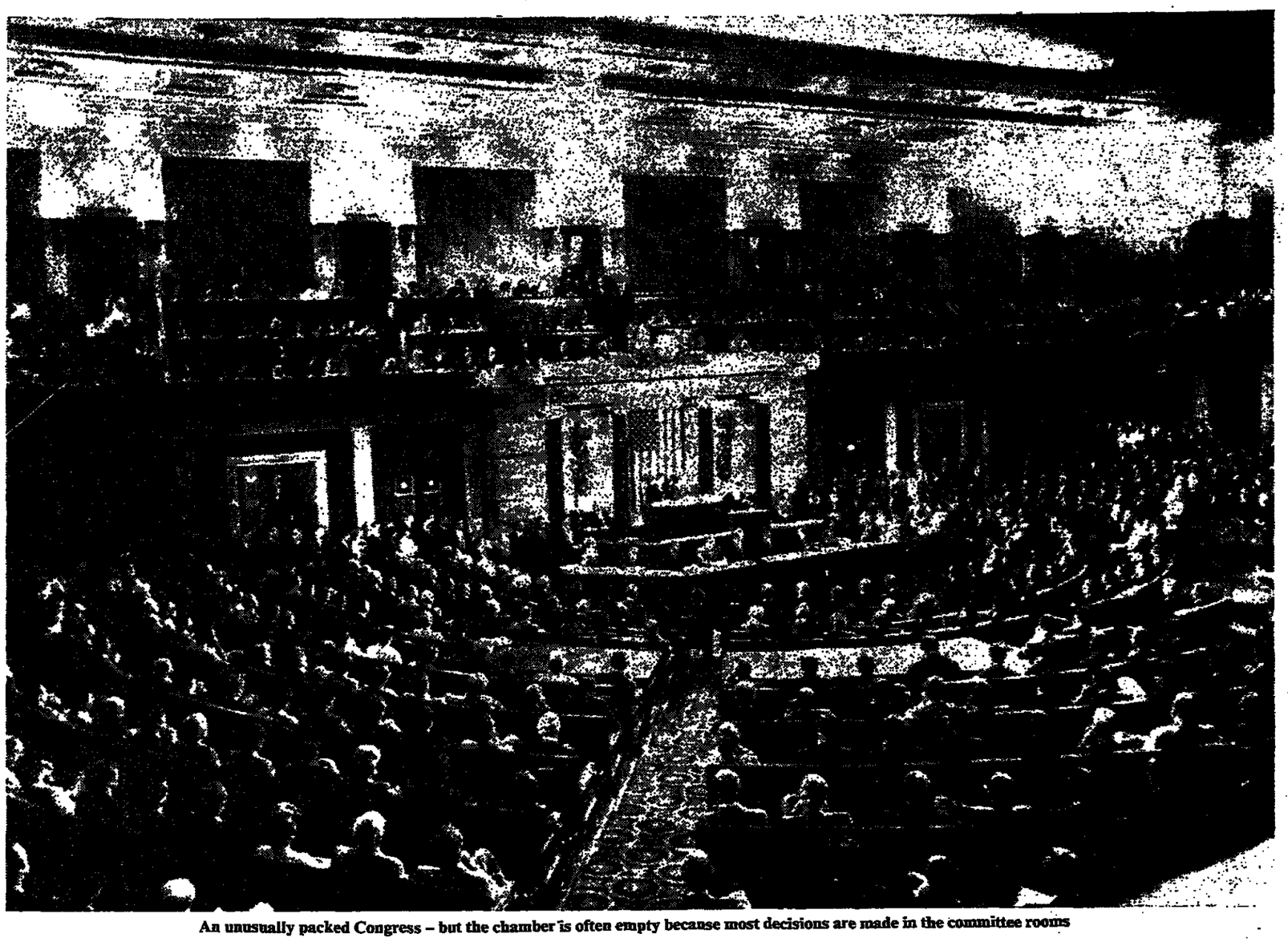
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SPECTRUM



The dome of Congress dominates Washington, spiritually and architecturally. It exudes the pride and confidence of America. Beneath it, every platitude about democracy, liberty and justice gleams with righteousness on the floors of the House of Representatives and the Senate. But as **Christopher Thomas** reports, real power is exercised by committees and pressure groups

House with a rein on Reagan



An unusually packed Congress – but the chamber is often empty because most decisions are made in the committee rooms

You have to be awed by Congress, even if it is usually an insufferable bore. An all-night House of Lords debate on the plight of the Scottish herring industry would be preferable to an hour of the routine, homogonised rhetoric of Congress. And yet such fearsome powers reside in this dreary place.

Most times it is impossible to regard the House of Representatives and the Sentate as the parliament of a superpower. Every word, every lifeless moment of the proceedings of the house are televised, and hardly anybody watches. There is rarely a debate worthy of the word. Congress stirs but rarely. When it does presidents might be thwarted, reprimanded or fired. But between bursts of historic rage, it mutters and drones.

Much of the real political theatre is enacted elsewhere. Congress fusses and interferes a lot like an over-zealous old grandparent and President Reagan – who was never a congressman – frequently sends an admonishment. Congress is no longer intimidated by presidents the way it was. President Nixon was the final proof of that. President Reagan is still miffed at not being allowed to finance the guerrillas in Nicaragua, and he might lose the MX missile. Congress makes his political programme looks like an incoherent drunk lurching in the dark.

Congress is a mad-house of committees and sub-committees. All congressmen want to be special for the folks back home, so they want to run something. There are 435 members of the House of Representatives and 100 Senators: 202 of them are in charge of something, however small.

Committees have their own will for life, their own struggle for status and recognition. Committees are places where political staffers pursue their esoteric Capitol Hill careers. Committees consequently spend a good deal of time in battle with other committees. The staffs continually get larger and more cumbersome. This is democracy by bureaucracy.

Many disputes are territorial. Committee One often does not know what Committee Two is doing. Opposite resolutions can emerge on the same subject. The same witnesses can be called before two committees to discuss the same issue. Often, events grind on interminably because senators and representatives are determined to say something that will get them on the evening news back home. Democracy must be seen to be done, and votes must be got.

Many committees exist for no real purpose other than to please pressure groups, who wield much might on Capitol Hill, usually in direct proportion to the amount of money they can distribute. Congressmen receive substantial sums from pressure groups – it is a legitimate way of doing business on the hill. Influence has a price tag. The growth of political action committees (PACs) is one of the *phenomena of post-war American politics*. Party loyalty has been hurt by PAC loyalty. PACs butter the bread of almost every member of Congress.

For example: in 1983 Richard Lugar of Indiana netted 129.000 dollars in honoraria. Twenty-one senators collected more than 50.000 dollars each. Corporations that wanted a piece of legislation passed paid 34.000 dollars to Senator Paul Laxalt of Nevada, and 30.300 dollars to Senator Orrin Hatch of Utah. The honoraria is usually said to be for speeches – it is a euphemism for payment.

Much of what happens in Congress is not news, even if it looks like it. The American Press insists on treating decisions of Congress seriously. Newspapers frequently give the impression that the House or the Senate has decided something stunning when, in fact, the decision is no more than the rantings of an out-of-control sub-committee. "House panel cuts US aid to El Salvador" is an example. It *means nothing*.

Take the 1984 defence budget: the Senate appropriations committee produced 5,300 pages of testimony from an army of witnesses who appeared over a 17-day period. The Senate armed services committee held 27 days of hearings and called 192 *witnesses – many of whom had* already testified before the appropriations committee. The Senate budget committee weighed in with a host of hearings.

Over in the House, the armed services committee, the appropriations committee and the budget committee were going through the same procedure.

The Senate produced a Bill. So did the House. They were different. There were weeks of debate in both chambers. The final versions were still different. Then a House-Senate conference – a back-room gathering in which deals are done and old debts cashed in – resolved the discrepancies. The new Bill had to be voted on by both chambers. Seven weeks after the fiscal year began, Congress finally told the department of defence what its budget was.

A serious vote in the House is called a roll-call vote. The House chamber is usually all but empty because most congressional work is done in the committee rooms in separate quarters across the road. Members scamper, into the chamber, rather as our own MPs might run from St Stephen's Tavern, and vote on electronic devices. They then disappear and the chamber slips back into its familiar torpor.

For a member to miss a roll-call vote is serious, even if the vote is stupid. In recent times the House approved the creation of Mother-In-Law Day by 305 votes to 66. And by 388 votes to 11 it permitted the International Communications Agency (whatever that is) to distribute a slide show entitled: *Montana: The People Speak*.

Even members of Congress get confused. Some votes are preliminary decisions, kite-flying or plain mischief. Votes are frequently reversed. Yet in the next morning's headlines the whole nonsense is treated with an undeserved seriousness, as though the decision really was a decision.

Back to the budget: it is usual for the United States technically to be running without a budget for a period of several weeks each year. Democracy on Capitol Hill is such an overweight, lumbering creature that Congress nearly always approves the budget long after the last one expired. Something called a "continuing resolution," keeps the country solvent. Many spending bills are not enacted until long after the spending they *supposedly control has begun*.

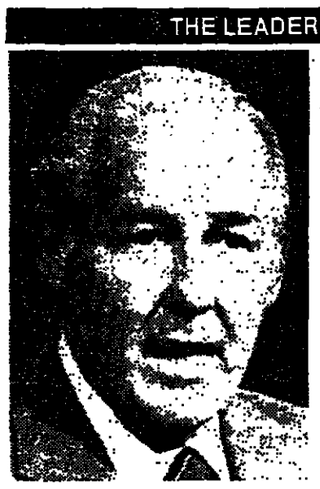
President Reagan, of course, does not have to endure the sort of barracking that Mrs Thatcher experiences twice weekly at question time in the *House of Commons*. Hence, opposition sometimes lacks a focus. Congress debated and debated the American mining of the Nicaraguan port of Corinto – several members probably got a reasonable airing on the local news back home, but the event – dramatic as it seemed from Washington – did not really touch the nation.

Legislating in America sometimes turns from slog to sprint. It happens when the legislative machine groans under the weight of Bills that have been trapped in the labyrinth. Congress then goes on the rampage, a cathartic *phase of great abandon, passing* everything in sight. And sometimes things out of sight. The "unprinted amendment" is something that congressmen have never seen. They vote anyway.

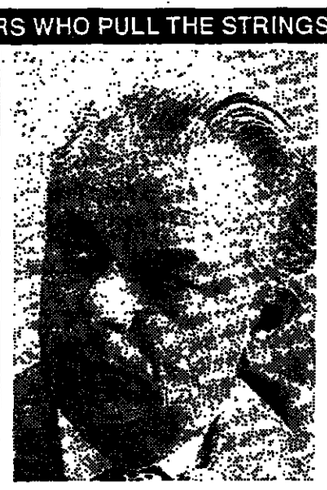
Rita's phone number is famous on Capitol Hill. It was *scribbled in the margin of the* only copy of an amendment being voted on, and it therefore appeared next day in the printed copy of the Bill. By a sizeable vote, Rita's phone number had been approved, To this day, three years on, she is an anonymous lady

Congress is not thought of as a moral place, Actually, it is riddled with scandalous rumour. Washington is awash with juicy stories of politicians' money deals, sexual encounters and drug-taking. Yet these succulent tales rarely make the sort of banner headlines that an MP might expect from Fleet Street. Despite dumping on Richard Nixon, the American Press is more respectful of politicians than the British Press. Their *relationship is much more cosy*, even if congress does lack an Annie's bar.

THE LEADERS WHO PULL THE STRINGS OF POWER



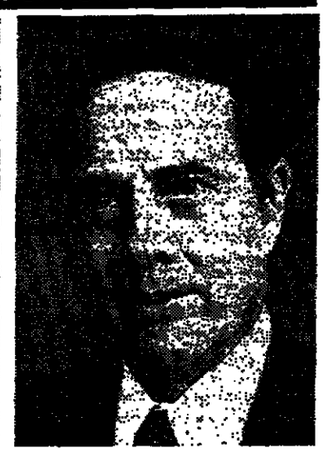
ROBERT MICHEL, Minority **Leader of the House, is a friendly, centrist Republican who is under persistent pressure from vociferous right-wingers to move further in *their direction. He has a good* working relationship on Capitol Hill with just about everybody – rarely does he launch into partisan rhetoric, although he is eminently capable of it. He is especially friendly with his arch rival, Speaker Tip O'Neill. Rather than Minority Leader, he likes to be called Republican Leader.**
He is a political veteran, beginning as an aide to a republican congressman in 1949, and entering the house in 1956. As Republican Leader he is in a position to weld together a coalition of republicans and Conservative Democrats, a task he has often performed with panache. He has frequently been warned that he neglects his constituency because of his interest in national affairs–he was re-elected by a whisker in the Watergate year of 1974.



ROBERT BYRD, **the Senate Minority Leader, is no superstar. He came up from the black-dust poverty of West Virginia. He is a nuts-and-bolts parliamentarian, *a rules know-it-all.***

People wondered how he would handle the switch from being Majority Leader to Minority Leader. In fact, he has become an effective spokesman for the party in opposition. You would not nowadays hear the comment of a colleague made in 1981: "Truth is, nobody likes the son of a bitch. He's impossible to deal with . . . He really isn't a leader." To survive that viewpoint is progress indeed.

There was one especially traumatic moment in his life. He was born Cornelius Calvin Sale, a fact he did not learn until he was 16, when he was told his real mother died of influenza when he was an infant and *that Vlurma and Titus Dalton Byrd,* who raised him as their own, were really his aunt and uncle.



ROBERT DOLE, **aged 61, the new Republican Leader of the Senate, is a man of wit and grit. He wants to be president.**

He was twice wounded and twice decorated for heroic action as a wartime infantry platoon leader in Italy. His combat wounds put him in hospital for 39 months – his right hand remains paralysed.
He referred sourly to his wartime experience during the 1976 presidential campaign, when he was President Ford's running mate. He said in a debate with Mr Walter Mondale, his Democratic counterpart: "If we added all the killed and wounded in all democrat wars in this century, it would be enough to fill the city of Detroit.

Mr Mondale labelled him as the "hatchet man" of the campaign, and it damaged him politically. But today he appears much more mellow. What is important in his life? "Being at peace with yourself," he said. "Everything you do, you can account for."

CHRONOLOGY

1789	First Congress met in April with 59 representatives and 22 Senators.
1861	Withdrawal of the Southern Democratic Senators when their States ceded, giving control of Congress to the Republican Party.
1868	The House voted to impeach President Andrew Johnson in a conflict over reconstruction. The Senate failed to impeach him by one vote. He was therefore not removed from office.
1919	The Senate rejected the Treaty of Versailles, a major turning point in foreign policy, reverting *America back to* isolationism after Wilsonian internationalism.
1933	The 'first 100 days' of Roosevelt's new deal resulted in enactment of emergency legislation to combat the depression.
1946	Passage of the Legislative Reorganisation Act, which resulted *in a major overhaul* of the machinery of Congress, in effect creating the modern Congress with professional staff members and drastically reducing dependence on the Executive Branch for information and assistance.
1954	Censure for improper behaviour of Joseph McCarthy, the Senator who waged a campaign against communist in the Government and the military.
1964	Passage of the Civil Rights Act, which together with the Voting Rights Act broke the back of segregation in the United States, completing *the principal objectives* of the civil rights movement that grew up in the 1950s.
1965	The Senate passed the Voting Rights Act.
1973-4	The Congressional investigation and moves towards impeachment of President Nixon, leading to his resignation in August 1974.
1974	Passage of the War Powers Act, an attempt to take back some of its role in war-making and foreign policy from the President.

TOMORROW

The Australian who makes TV-am tick

Why the Mona Lisa's smile is turning into a grin

moreover . . . **Miles Kington**

I can reveal that the most extraordinary scandal is about to break in France. It concerns the controversial new pyramid being built in the courtyard of the Louvre.

If you didn't know, the previously open and unspoilt expanse of the inner Louvre, the beginning of the vista through the Tuileries, is to acquire a huge pyramidal pimple right in the middle. This is for two reasons. One is that the French like to have something new and contentious to argue about, and there hasn't been anything really upsetting since the erection of the Centre Pompidou.

The other is that the pyramid will provide a convenient central entrance to an underground series of corridors which will get you to anywhere in the Louvre in *double quick time. It is as if* there were a door in the base of Nelson's Column which led to anywhere round Trafalgar Square. In any case, the idea has been approved against stiff opposition, and already the extentions are well under way.

However, the scandal I mentioned concerns something much more recent: the discovery of an apparent series of forgeries in the Louvre. This centres on a portrait of an 18th-century gentleman by Pierre Mignard, a minor French artist, which had been stored temporarily in one of the chambers beneath the new pyramid. A passing art historian noticed the picture and pointed out that although well painted the picture *had* to be a forgery; Pierre Mignard had died in 1695 and thus could by no stretch of the imagination have known what 18th-century costume looked like.

Why on earth should anyone want to forge a Pierre Mignard? This was the question that puzzled the experts. But before they could answer it, they found another apparent forgery, a landscape by David which unmistakably contained a small steam train puffing throught the background. The mystery here is that David died in 1825 and could not have known what a distant steam train, or indeed any kind of steam train, looked like.

Since then other paintings have come to light with similar anachronisms depicted in them.

The artworld was horrified at the thought of the Louvre containing a nest of forgeries. But it has been even more horrified by a theory put forward by a French scientist: that these changes in the paintings have actually been caused *by the pyramid site itself.*

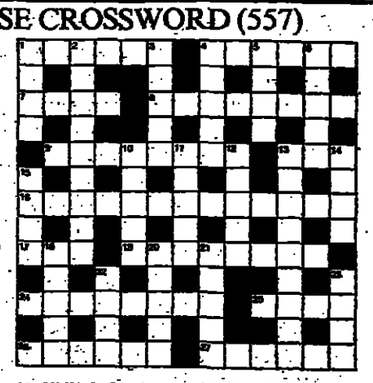
You may remember that during the 1970s many claims were made for the rejuvenating properties of pyramids. If a pyramid was correctly constructed and positioned, the theory ran, *then any object* placed underneath would cease to age.

The French scientist now claims that the Louvre pyramid site, the biggest for many years, may have correspondingly greater powers of rejuvenation and that any work of art stored near it will start getting younger. If this is true, then a museum is obviously the worst place in the world to build a pyramid, because the older the contents of a museum, the better.

At any rate, it is the only theory put forward so far to explain the presence of trains in the David or indeed the unmistakable lipstick and make-up which have recently been noticed on Cellini's *Nymph at Fontainebleau*". To test the theory, the director of the Louvre has ordered an anonymous 19th-century landscape to be left under the middle of the pyramid site, for constant observation. The art world is now hoping against hope that no motorcars will appear in it, though one cloud is already beginning to look suspiciously like a far-off airship.

If the painting does change, the Louvre will have no option but to abandon the pyramid. The current joke in Paris is that it should be moved to the Elysée, where President Mitterrand's policies could be placed underneath it and brought up to date. Whatever happens, rest assured you will hear about it here first.

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Thinking small but making big money

WOMEN AT WORK

It's still harder for a woman to get financial backing to start her own business than a man. But the barriers are falling away as women are proving particularly adept at running small businesses. Patricia Clough reports.

One is divorced and penniless, another is married and bored. A third is a widow of 60, a fourth unemployed and a fifth fed up with her boss. What is a poor woman to do?

Once the answer was to marry, take a lover, be a governess, flic to a nunnery or simply pine away. Nowadays the smart woman sets up in business.

The whole mood of the 1980s – flexibility, initiative, going it alone – has opened up unexpected opportunities for women. Thousands who are unable or unwilling to fit into the men-oriented world of work are starting small enterprises which they can fashion according to their lives and family commitments.

All over the country women are beating paths to their bank managers' doors, taking business courses and working long hours at kitchen tables over schemes ranging from computer software to cuddly toys, haute cuisine to pre-stressed concrete.

Any research indicates that once their businesses get off the ground women are more successful than men. Nor is it a passing fad.

In the United States 32 per cent of all businesses (the vast majority of which are small) are owned by women. In Britain, where trends lag some 10 to 15 years behind, the proportion is estimated at 6 to 8 per cent and rising. Clearly this is only the beginning.

Some women have already dazzled, and possibly discouraged, others by their success. There is Annabel Geddes who, inspired by her children's complaints that the Tower of London was not gruesome enough, founded the spine-chilling London Dungeon and recently sold it to a leisure firm for £1 million.

There is Anita Roddick whose original way of selling toiletries exploded into the multi-million pound Body Shop chain and Jil Sander, a Hamburg fashion journalist who, frustrated by her dreary superiors, quit, set up a chic boutique and is now a prestige fashion designer in Germany.

Others, inevitably, have fallen flat on their faces. But the majority are making a fair to comfortable living providing goods or services for which they have spotted a demand.

Management and business experts who are helping many of them to acquire the know-how to develop their enterprises say most housewives already possess the kind of skills they need. "Anyone who has run a home, brought up children, entertained, meditated between the different requirements of the family members and catered to their needs already has the skills it takes to run a small business – or a bigger one for that matter", said one.

"The trouble is that society does not recognize and reward these skills so women do not realize they have them."

Women, it seems, are more likely to succeed in small businesses than men because it is considerably more difficult for them to start than for men.

Those who have got what it takes to overcome the extra obstacles strewn in the path of women who want to start up a business, have usually got what it takes to make a success of it, according to Jean and David Watkins of Manchester Business School who conducted a survey of women running small businesses.

> **Often women who have typically feminine qualities do not impress bank managers, while those who are aggressive can put them off for the opposite reasons**

For women with a good idea find it more difficult to raise loans from their bank manager, and more difficult to get customers to take them seriously than men do, they reported.

Women generally tend to have fewer resources than men to put up as security on loans. Some bank managers refuse to listen to ideas unless the husbands are involved in them too. Some refuse to accept the jointly-owned family home as security – and anyhow experts strongly advise women against taking this risk.

Often women who have typically feminine qualities do not impress bank managers, while those who are aggressive or super-efficient put them off for the opposite reasons, Mrs Watkins says. "Either way, women often can't win."

While the world's deeply-ingrained attitude to women is one obstacle, women's deeply ingrained lack of confidence in themselves is yet another. Many get good, sometimes brilliant ideas; "but I couldn't possibly do it" is the next thought. Men have no such inhibitions.

The Watkins' research, based on in-depth studies of small-businesswomen compared with 50 small-businessmen, showed that the women usually had no managerial experience – while many men had – and often none of the technical or productive experience needed to create the products they were selling. "Yet that did not stop them from being more successful", Mrs Watkins said.

"Women have a wealth of creative and entrepreneurial ideas", says Jane Skinner, one of the founders of the new Women and Work courses at the University of Aston, Birmingham.

Women, having been shaped outside the traditions of male business thinking, tend to have fresh and unpredictable ways of making a business work, say the Watkins. Since they often need to keep their business small, they grow slowly and surely, rather then getting out of control.

This could deprive some of the chance to make millions. But many women, with children's school timetables and households to think of, prefer – as one put it – "to run it, rather than have it run me."

And most women, unlike men, do not feel they have to live up an image of success by, say, buying a Rolls-Royce. They tend to take less out of the business for themselves and invest more in making it work.

Women who set up on their own tend, on average, to be younger than men who start small businesses. But there are a remarkable number of women in their fifties and sixties who having been housewives all their lives, suddenly decide to do something they have always dreamed of, saying "If I don't do it now I never will."

One such was a widow, well over 60, who kept receiving inquiries about a stone-cutting machine for quarries which her late husband's then defunct firm had produced years before. She set about producing the machines again and found herself inundated with more orders than she had ever expected.

Financial need is the greatest spur, however. Five years ago Mrs Jane Reid found herself divorced, with three children to bring up and educate and nothing but a course in domestic science behind her. She had been working with a friend on a luncheon service for busy businessmen based on London's chic Sloane Street, and the friend wanted to give up.

Jane took over. Since she could no longer afford to live in London she moved out to Rickmansworth and operated from her own large kitchen. Almost every day she drives her blue estate car up to London, out of the rush hours, to deliver specially made plastic containers with four-course, home-made lunches for meetings and conferences where there are not the facilities, or time, for a restaurant-type meal. And she is back by the time the children come out of school.

Her business, Lunchbox, is thriving, she has a network of friends who will help with the big three or four hundred meal orders. Things are going so well that she is tempted to leave the cooking to her most devoted helpers and concentrate more on the business side.

Sue Griffin gave up her job as a senior accounts handler with a London advertising firm to follow a boyfriend to Wales. The relationship broke up, she wanted to stay and saw that, despite all the sheep in Wales, there were no nice soft woolly sweaters to sell to tourists.

She knitted up 25 samples, advertised for knitters in the local paper and contacted potential customers. Now she has 250 knitters on her books, a shop, outlets in the tourist centres and recently landed a contract to make a collection for top London designer Jasper Conran.

She estimates she is probably earning somewhat less than she would have been if she had stayed in London. But the work would not have been so rewarding nor she says "could I have been living on this lovely coast in West Wales with the sea outside my window".

Christine Davies was the Communications Manager – somewhere at the top of the middle-level management – with a big nationwide book and stationery chain and opted to stay, and become redundant, when the headquarters moved out of London. Now she has her own small business training other managers and lecturing to women starting small businesses.

The advice she and other experts give is almost identical to that given by Jane Reid and Sue Griffin who have learned by trial and error.

You have to be businesslike and prepared to work extremely hard. Starting a business merely as a hobby is a sure recipe for failure. You have to be absolutely reliable and pay infinite attention to detail, says Jane Reid with feeling.

Know what you want to do. There is no point in having a good idea if there is no demand for it. Make sure there is a market, work out the overheads, production costs and prices before seeking a starting loan from the bank or anywhere else.

Know that there is a risk. According to the Department of Trade and Industry, one in three small firms fold within their first seven years of life. Do not therefore offer your home as a security. Remember most firms take a couple of years to break even.

Keep things within control. Within a few months of starting Sue Griffin won an £18,000 contract for a chain of craft shops and remembers with horror the effort of trying to fill it.

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"Learn to say no", is her advice. "Don't try to do too much too soon."

If you can, take a business course. Courses specifically aimed at women seem the better bet. Many women are reluctant to take traditional business courses because they fear the teaching is geared to men and they will not be taken seriously. Experience by women who have taken the courses indicates they are right. Courses for women are available at, among other places, Manchester Business School, Aston University and the Industrial Society in London.

Get good advice. Above all, find a good accountant. The Small Firms Service of the Department of Trade (Freefone 2444) and the 28 Enterprise Agencies around the country can give free advice, as can local chambers of commerce. A few phone calls and research, trade department officials say, can save a lot of money and heartbreak later.





Jane Reid, who runs Lunchbox and (right) the multi-million Body Shop founded by Anita and Gordon Roddick

Pepping up a wintry night

The Times Cook

Shona Crawford Poole

Peppers are a pest and a plague. Sweet peppers are the most misused and ill-used of vegetables and, in their raw state, one of the most indigestible. They have become the blue eyeshadow of the kitchen: just a little bit of colour to perk up the salad, curry, kebab. Down with red, green and yellow peppers. And while we are about it, down with their off-white and purple cousins, recently developed varieties designed to provide yet more garish garnish.

Coarsely cut rings of raw pepper seldom add much to any dish. As often as not, their distinctive taste jars with other flavours. But cooked they can be a delight, and even the minimal cooking involved in charring the skins to peel them seems enough to improve their digestibility most remarkably.

I avoid green peppers for all salad purposes and use the ripe red and yellow ones in the simplest possible way as a first course.

Red and yellow pepper salad
Serves six

- 3 ripe red peppers
- 3 ripe yellow peppers
- Salt
- 2 tablespoons best olive oil

Char the skins of the peppers very thoroughly. I lay them on a mesh mat directly on the flame and turn them frequently until they are well blackened. As soon as each pepper is charred, put it into a polythene bag and leave them there for at least 30 minutes, and up to 24 hours. This makes the skins flake off easily, and the longer time also allows a syrup-like liquid to ooze from the peppers which can provide the dish with its own ultra-low calorie dressing.

Peel the peppers and discard the stems and seeds. Cut them into wide strips and arrange these in one layer on a serving dish. Lightly salt the dish and trickle the oil over the peppers, or their own juice, or a mixture of the two. If the peppers are ripe this salad needs no additional herbs or flavourings. Eat it with good bread and a glass of wine.

Most of the tomatoes available at this time of year score poor marks for flavour. There is simply too little of it. But they look bright and what taste they do have is at least fresh. Robustly-flavoured dressings and stuffings make the most of them.

Small tomatoes with a creamy horseradish-flavoured filling make a pretty and appropriate accompaniment to cold roast beef and to smoked trout. Or make a first course with two or three tomatoes all stuffed with different fillings. Peeling the tomatoes is a worthwhile refinement. They may also be glazed lightly with aspic if they are required to stand for any length of time.

Stuffed tomatoes
Serves six

- 18 tomatoes, about 55g (2 oz) each
- 340g (12oz) strained Greek yogurt, cream cheese or low fat fresh curd cheese
- 1 smoked trout, boned and flaked
- Creamed or fresh horseradish to taste
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 110g (4oz) cooked tongue or ham, diced
- Mustard to taste
- 55g (2oz) stale white or brown bread, cubed
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon wine vinegar
- 2 spring onions, chopped
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped parsley or coriander
- Aspic (optional)

If you are going to peel the tomatoes this should be done first. Drop them into boiling water for about half a minute then transfer them to cold water and the skins will slip off easily.

Cut a good slice from the top of each tomato (the end opposite the stalk) and scoop out the seeds with a teaspoon.

Mix half the strained yogurt (or cream or curd cheese) with the flakes of smoked trout, breaking them up as little as possible. Season the mixture to taste with horseradish, salt and pepper and use it to stuff six of the tomatoes.

Mix the remaining yogurt (or cream or curd cheese) with the tongue or ham and season this filling to taste with mustard, pepper and salt. Alternatively, omit the yogurt and mix the tongue or ham with diced raw or cooked vegetables and bind the filling with a little good mayonnaise. Stuff six of the tomatoes with this mixture.

Fry the cubed bread in one tablespoon of the olive oil until it is crisp and dry. Combine the croutons with the spring onions and coriander or parsley. Moisten the mixture with a dressing made with the remaining oil, vinegar, and salt and pepper. Fill the remaining tomatoes with this mixture.

Replace the lids and arrange the tomatoes on a wire rack if they are to be glazed, or on a serving plate if not. Brush the tomatoes with aspic which is near setting point. Serve with plenty of hot bread.

The following salad based on burghul, the cracked wheat sold by wholefood suppliers, would be another good choice for stuffing tomatoes.

Burghul and coriander salad
Serves four

- 110g (4oz) burghul (cracked wheat)
- Juice of 1 large lemon
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 4 tablespoons chopped fresh coriander
- 4 spring onions, chopped
- 2-4 tablespoons best olive oil

Put the burghul in a bowl and add cold water to cover it by at least 2.5cm (1 inch). Leave it to soak for at least 30 minutes, possibly 60 if it is old, until the grains have softened but still have a good chewy bite to them. Strain the soaked burghul and squeeze out any surplus liquid with your hands.

Put the burghul in a bowl and stir in all the remaining ingredients. Allow about an hour for the flavour to develop fully.

Soupe au pistou is classically a summer soup of the South of France. It is a true vegetable soup which does not resort to the stock pot or cream jug for its richness. Instead it blends fresh tastes of many vegetables with the pungent fragrance of basil. Thanks to unseasonal imports from far flung places, all the vegetables can be bought now. You may find, or grow, hothouse basil. If not, a small jar of Italian pesto sauce will suffice.

Soupe au pistou
Serves six to eight

- 3 leeks, white part only, finely sliced
- 3 carrots, sliced (or diced if large)
- 3 medium potatoes, diced
- 450g (1lb) cooked white haricot beans (dried or tinned)
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 3 slim courgettes, thickly sliced
- 225g (8oz) green beans, cut in short lengths
- 110g (4oz) small macaroni
- *For the pistou*
- 4 cloves garlic
- A large handful of fresh basil leaves or a small jar of pesto sauce
- 55g (2oz) freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 150 ml (¼ pint) olive oil

Put the leeks, carrots, potatoes and beans in a large pot with 2.75 litres (5 pints) of water and salt and pepper. Bring it to the boil and simmer the vegetables, uncovered, for about 30 minutes, then add the courgettes, green beans and macaroni. Continue cooking until all the vegetables and the pasta are cooked.

Meanwhile make the pistou. Using a pestle and mortar or a food processor, blend the garlic and basil leaves (or pesto sauce) to a smooth paste, then stir in the cheese, salt and pepper, and gradually add the olive oil. This sauce is not intended to be an emulsion like mayonnaise. It will separate when left standing and is stirred again before use.

Serve the soup very hot and let everyone help themselves to pistou. Offer lots of hot French or wholemeal bread.

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Debatable trial

Admiral of the Fleet Lord Hill-Norton yesterday told the diary he believed there was a cover-up behind the MoD's rejection of the independently designed S90 – the "short, fat" warship proposed as a cheaper alternative to the £110m Type 23. Michael Heseltine has just announced in the Commons that he hopes to place orders soon for the Type 23 – the traditional "long, thin" ship designed by the nationalized Yarrow Shipyard and the MoD's design team at Bath. Although the MoD has always maintained that tests on the S90 failed to meet the requirements of the Type 23, now in our possession reveals evidence that successful tank tests on the S90 were rejected out of hand by the defence ministry. The tests, costing some £150,000 and funded in part by the Department of Industry, were carried out by the country's most eminent testers, the National Maritime Institute and the British Hovercraft Corporation. Although both tests proved the S90 met the performance requirements of the T23 the MoD's "independent" advisory group, the secret Defence Science Advisory Council, rejected them. Instead it peversely based its assessments on computer predictions for conventional hulls. These assessments were drawn up by YARD – the Yarrow Admiralty Research and Development group. (YARD is part of Yarrow Plc which, is interested in purchasing Yarrow Shipbuilders now awaiting the first order for the T23.)

Ironically, the chairman of the hull committee of the DSAC, which rejected the S90 tests, is Marshall Meek – former chief naval architect of British Shipbuilders, who is now director of the National Maritime Institute – the company which tank-tested the ship. Yesterday Lord Hill-Norton said: "The rejection of the S90 rather confirms what I said about the Government trying to hold a forthcoming trial in camera: something seems to being concealed. Having seen the films of comparable sea trials between the S90 and the 'long, thin' ship, the S90 has substantial advantages in terms of weapons, platforms, stability and even speed for certain horsepower."

● **After direct mail comes the direct telex. The Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind boasts that to raise money for the Bhopal disaster fund they telexed 47 carefully selected companies asking for donations. Their haul: £80,000 from 28 replies.**

Buffeted

Travelling down from Sheffield to London by train recently, Arthur Scargill was accosted in the buffet car by a soldier – somewhat the worse for wear – who began to tell the NUM leader exactly what he thought of his members. Tempers rose until the soldier finally chucked his beer and pork pie at Scargill. The train stopped at Leicester where the soldier was bundled off. Transport police are now deciding which railway by-law was contravened by this attack.

Not so sweet

Norman Willis's honeymoon as TUC General Secretary did not last long. He has just had a letter from Dennis Skinner condemning his failure to call a general strike. "Words uttered at Neddy meetings; nods and winks to "wet" Tories; elbow nudgings with fellow quango members and special pleadings to the establishment will not suffice at this critical moment in TUC history," writes Skinner. "Your job now is to call on workers to fight the battle alongside the miners and their families. The TUC has the power, the organization and the responsibility – use it."

BARRY FANTONI



'I suppose you'll be wanting something without fudge'

Empty bar

Established Gray's Inn barristers, long used to dining at only the finest restaurants, have been shocked to receive stern letters from the Gray's Inn Society. The society reminds them that they have so far failed to keep their commitment to eat at least four meals in hall after being called to the bar. "In an honourable profession you should expect to honour your promises", said a Gray's Inn spokesman. "There's certainly nothing wrong with our dinners – we have a French chef." The matter is causing such concern that the Masters of the Bench are meeting next week to determine the fate of renegades.

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Why sterling needs an oil price high

As Opec ministers meet, Jonathan Davis looks at Britain's pricing dilemma

Opec is once again struggling to stave off disaster. The much battered oil producers' cartel, now meeting in Geneva, is trying to do what it has done so often without success in the past: to shore up the oil price against relentless and powerful market pressures for a cut. This time however it has a new and fortuitous ally: the sterling crisis.

The weakness of the pound can only reinforce Britain's efforts to prop up the Opec price structure, in apparent defiance of every principle that it might be expected to support. With North Sea oil now accounting for 5 per cent of the economy, fears of lower oil prices have been a major factor in sterling's decline since the New Year.

Although Europe is more cautious, there is a marked belief among oil traders and forecasters in the United States that oil prices are heading downwards, possibly sharply. The only question in their mind is how long Opec can *postpone or moderate the slide*. President Reagan's administration has openly predicted and welcomed the prospect of lower prices.

This confidence, whether well-placed or not, has been backed by hundreds of millions of dollars on the commodity and foreign exchange markets, helping to put the pound under pressure. Yet what is now ever more certain is that Britain *will* not be one of those rooting for the fall.

It would be the easiest thing in the world for Britain to give oil prices a shove in a downward direction by announcing a cut in the price of North Sea oil. In the present conditions, Opec would have little choice but to follow suit. The move could be easily justified by market forces: the price of North Sea oil on the "spot market" *has been consistently* below the official price for months, and the British National Oil Corporation, the state-owned trading body which handles over half the North Sea's output, has been unable to find even half the buyers it needs.

The Government has had to underwrite the corporation's losses – £45m before Christmas and at least £500,000 a day since the New Year.

Yet the cut is unlikely to happen. After its *volte face* over interest rates and the defence of sterling in the last fortnight, *it would be astonishing if* the Government was now to risk any move which might bring the pound under yet more pressure, as a North Sea price cut would. Both Mrs Thatcher and the Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, have been plugging away at the message that there is more to the British economy than North Sea oil. Yet as long as the foreign exchange markets continue to *link sterling's fate with the oil* price, calls for Britain to take the lead in forcing oil prices down will continue to receive short shrift. When the Opec meeting ends, the Government is not expected to sanction any sudden move by BNOC.

This would certainly be consistent. For the last three years the Government has pursued a policy of *what might be called* "vigorous indecisiveness" in the world oil market. In practice this has meant carefully avoiding any action that might lead oil prices down. On at least three occasions in the last 22 months, ministers at the Department of Energy have tried to use their influence to delay cuts in North Sea prices, on the grounds that it would unnecessarily destabilize the fragile Opec price structure.

Since late last year, the whole North Sea pricing system has *effectively been suspended* and left in limbo simply to allow Opec another chance to put its own house in order.

No one in Whitehall pretends that this is a very edifying policy, let alone a coherent long-term strategy. There is after all something rather ironic about the spectacle of an avowedly non-interventionist Government being seen to prop up the price-fixing efforts of a cartel which it has often blamed for the West's economic malaise in the 1970s.

The political sensitivity of being seen as Opec's friend is one reason why the Government has made such heavy weather of explaining its oil pricing policy and why it has tended to hide rather feebly behind the fiction that it does not normally *intervene* in BNOC's oil pricing decisions. The policy is blatantly geared to the short-term maximization of benefits for the British economy: higher North Sea tax revenues, higher oil exports.

Opec itself still bitterly points out that Britain has continued to build *up production from the North Sea* while its 13 members have had to bear the brunt of production cutbacks to keep the price aloft.

Few are prepared to take the risk of the sudden all-out price war which could follow if North Sea prices were *forced down aggressively*. It is a commonplace in the oil industry and in the City that, once oil prices start falling, they may not stop until they sink to $15 or $20 a barrel (compared with the current nominal Opec price of $29). The shock to the world financial system – as well as the possible hole it would blow in tax revenues – would be severe. Like most commonplaces, nobody has really tested whether this is a serious or likely eventuality. The fact that the risk is there is excuse enough for any government trying to justify its short-term pricing policy.

Britain cannot go on pursuing its ambivalent oil price tactics indefinitely, however. *There are signs that* the Government would like nothing better than to take North Sea oil out of the international limelight altogether. At the moment, every change in price is exposed to the intense scrutiny of dealers on the oil and currency markets. It is also clear that BNOC, designed for times of shortage such as the 1970s, is singularly ill-equipped to deal with the weak markets of the 1980s. The corporation's future has been under intense review in the last few weeks, both by the Department of Energy and *the Prime Minister's policy* review staff.

Debate about BNOC's future is an argument about means rather than ends, however. The real question that needs to be resolved is whether Britain's best interest lies in keeping *oil prices high, or in nudging them* lower. The argument is a finely balanced one: but because of sterling's weakness, it is not one that is even seriously debated. As North Sea oil starts to decline, it will not be so easily avoided.

35 people a day are dying at Bati: Paul Vallely reports from a 'success' story

Hope that hurts more than hunger's despair

Addis Ababa

Only a few years ago Bati was the second largest market in Ethiopia. Tens of thousands of people gathered there on the edge of the rift valley, halfway between the hills and *the plains. Highlander and low*lander would meet to trade, the Amharic and Tigrinya speakers of the uplands with their grains, chickens, vegetables, clothes and ropes mingling with the Oromo and Afar nomads who had brought their *camels and humped long-horned* cattle to sell.



A view of Bati camp, now bigger than many of Ethiopia's capital cities

Today there are still tens of thousands of people gathered at Bati, but the farmers and the nomads are without grain or livestock of any kind. In the past three months Bati has become the fastest-growing refugee camp in the dry, barren lands of Wollo. In November it was just one of hundreds of food distribution centres. Then came the point when people who journeyed for up to 50 miles every month to collect their dry rations remained in huddles and makeshift shelters around the centre. When asked why, they replied that they had nothing to go home to – the long walk to an empty hut had come to have little point.

By the middle of last month refugees were arriving at the rate of 1,000 a day, until the total reached *almost 30,000. Bati camp had* acquired a population larger than many of the capital cities of Ethiopia's main provinces.

There are 32 full-time grave diggers employed at Bati, the camp's administrator, Mesfin Hadefom, says with pride. Only six weeks ago he needed four times as many. But today Bati is regarded as an example of the great success of the relief operation mounted by the government and the outside charities, in this case the Red Cross. The daily *death rate has fallen from 120 to last* week's average of 35. Many of the 2,425 children on intensive feeding of six meals a day and the 4,445 on a supplementary programme look as though they are improving, the experts say.

Although there are 40 people crowded into each of the 630 tents, designed for use by eight or ten soldiers, there has been no outbreak of cholera, against which the camp now has a quarantine ring. There are only three or four hundred candidates for admission every day. Four thousand Bati refugees have volunteered for the government's resettlement scheme in the western provinces; the Relief and Rehabilitation Commission official is pleased to say.

And yet to the eye of the newcomer *there is something even* more harrowing about a camp like Bati then those further to the east in the desolate highlands. There the people seem to have gone beyond despair, even beyond feeling: they sit like breathing statues, drained of *everything save the mechanics of* being alive. It is a hard thing to admit, but it is almost as if they do not appear to be people any more. At Bati the response is more devastatingly human. People smile, curse, beg, laugh, hold out their hands or stare in silent accusation.

Between the tents a boy plays with a toy made from a stick and the empty box of an anti-diarrhoea *medicine. He laughs as he shows it* to me. In the yard of the feeding centre men sit on their haunches, in concentric arcs; some stare pointedly at the ground, others look with pleading expectation, others yet with forthright curiosity and others with glaring hostility. All register the *arrival of another western journalist.*

I find it difficult not to avert my gaze. It does not feel right that an outsider should witness their shame, their prostrate humiliation. These people are robbed of independence, initiative and privacy: they are a *proud people and they resent it.*

Mrs Kubra Muhamed is in the room where children are weighed and measured to determine whether they need intensive feeding, supplementary feeding or simply normal rations. Her two children are *the same size, though the boy* Hussein is aged 3 and his sister Wela is only one year old. Hussein holds his hand over his eyes. He does not want to be weighed. Wela acquiesces placidly.

The interpreter translates my questions and the woman replies. "She says she is 40, she thinks. Her husband left her six months ago to look for work. She has not seen him since. She does not know where he has gone. They have run out of grain stored from the last harvest. Last year was a bad harvest but this year there has been nothing at all. She has come to live here. The boy will get supplementary feeding. The girl will not." The Kubra Muhamed asks, "Why do you want to know all this?"

In the hospital tent the canvas walls have Christmas pictures still fastened above the beds. They have been sent by children from Scandinavia, anachronistic reminders of a *time which has no place in this* present reality.

In one corner, under a picture of a snowman sits Fatima Muhamed. She is a beautiful women with the fine features of the Afar people. She smiles as I enter, and yet before her *is the most horrifying sight I have* ever seen.

On their bed lies her 18-month-old child, Hadra. She lies like a grotesque puppet, her head huge, her limbs like insensible twigs flopped aimlessly about her. Her eyes stare *with such ferocity it is as if they* have an independent life and are straining to move back into her head, away from the world outside. Her mouth is open, and a fly runs round its pitiful circumference.

It seems an inanity to ask, but I do: "How is the child?" The mother replies: "She is dying. Soon I will be able to go back to my village to see my son. He is four years old." I tell her *I am sorry and hope the boy is* well. She smiles and says something. "What is that?" I ask the interpreter. "She says, thank you. She says how are you? Are you well?"

I smile and nod, with no real answer to give. She smiles too. We smile over the dying body of the matchstick child. This is Bati: one of the success stories.

Robin Cook

Put a brake on this runaway Bill

Within the next week or two the Government is confidently expected to unveil what promises to be its *most unpopular measure of the* session. Fittingly, it is to be introduced by Nicholas Ridley, whose record in this session may so *far be regarded as a succession of* reverses building up to this final debacle.

In the beginning there was his Civil Aviation Bill, which became the first published measure to be put on the shelf because the Government with the largest majority in recent memory could not get it through the House. Then there followed his attempt to withhold *£50m from the GLC, quashed by the* courts with a magisterial rebuke for behaviour which was "unlawful, irrational, and procedurally improper".

And now from the same pen arrives his Bill on public transport which *threatens to do for our bus* services what Dr Beeching did for our rail network. If further testimony were needed to the imperviousness of Mrs Thatcher's administration, the very survival of this measure provides it. There was a time when no Tory government would have persevered with a measure that had managed to unite in opposition to it a major brewery *company and* the National Federation of Women's Organisations.

The separate concerns of these two opponents *illustrate the major* threats of the Bill. The brewers suspect that it will provoke a slump in late evening bus services with a domino effect on pub trade. Their fear is grounded in the proposal for wholesale deregulation of bus routes. This will inaugurate a new era in which bus operators may run each other down competing for profitable traffic at peak hours on the busiest routes, but in which none will any longer be obliged to sustain a service during the rest of the day, when housewives may wish to shop or pensioners to visit hospital.

This bold throw has been tested out on three trial areas. In Hereford the city surveyor has complained that the conversion of his residential streets into a perfect free market has "*created major environmental prob*lems" as operators raced against each other for business, resulting on at least one occasion in bemused passengers standing by while rival drivers argued over who had seen them first. The Traffic Com*missioners denounced one* bus operator for "an appalling record which in our view shows an almost complete disregard for his responsibilities", and revealed that his maintenance yard had turned out to be a layby on the Hereford by-pass.

Less determined men might have hesitated, in the face of such evidence, from turning the whole of *Britain into a trial area. The* Department of Transport has vaulted all such objections with the Olympian dismissal: "While the industry and newcomers to it are adjusting to the new opportunities, we must expect some failures and shortcomings".

Women's organizations are even more alarmed at the potential effect of the parallel proposal which would to prohibit using income from the busier services to support those routes that cannot pay their way. The financial support that is channelled to uneconomic routes through such cross-subsidy is currently three times the total amount of public subsidy to bus transport. Deprived of it large numbers of services to rural areas or city peripheries will simply wither and die.

Local authorities, *in theory, will* retain the power to subsidize bus transport. In practice they will have no funds to match those powers, as government grants on transport expenditure will only be provided from now on for the construction of roads. Those local authorities with a municipal bus undertaking will be ground between an upper millstone of unregulated competition on *profitable routes and a nether* millstone of unsubsidized operation on loss-making routes. British Leyland, which supplies most of them, has predicted that in consequence the nation's bus fleet will fall by a quarter.

To be fair, someone over at Marsham Street appears to have grasped that the net result will be to make an awful lot of people miss the bus. The Department of Transport accordingly proposes to help them by providing in the Bill a new legal right to share taxi fares. To paraphrase Marie Antoinette, if they have no bus, let them take a taxi.

The long infatuation of the Department of Transport with the private motor car is well documented. It is not for nothing that *environmental lobby groups now* refer to it as Toad Hall. Yet ironically its latest offensive against public transport coincides with a modest, but definite, success by more imaginative local authorities in attracting traffic back to the buses. Tyne and Wear have recently increased passenger journeys by two million and South Yorkshire by three million.

The benefit from such a trend is demonstrated by the past success of the GLC's fares structure, which reduced the number of motorists in London by a twelfth and cut road accidents by an estimated 3,500. Such figures deserve to be heard above the delighted clamour of "poop, poop!" emanating from Toad Hall, as the finishing touches are put to a *Bill* designed to drive the public back into their motorcars.

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Digby Anderson

Man in the very perilous street

I am always being told, especially by Liberals, that the national newspapers fail to address the "real" problems of the man in the streets of "our local communities". So I have carried out some fieldwork to discover what my local problems "really" are. I did not have to search hard. They found me.

No sooner had I entered the high street than I spotted two ladies bearing down on me pushing a double push-chair, the sort in which *whatever is inside is seated in lateral* pairs and encased in steamed-up plastic like those tasteless Dutch cucumbers. The ladies were also deployed laterally with a gap of two feet between the push-chairs, too narrow to risk going between. *Perhaps one lady would drop back,* assume Indian file and allow me a little pavement? No. Into the gutter I jump as they sweep past.

I climb back on the pavement, turn and glare at the disappearing ladies who have noticed nothing. Thus I fail to notice another lady pushing a shopping trolley in a sort of zig-zag. It has a spike on the front which she rams into my foot. "Look out", she says. I do and count 16 trolleys, five double push-chairs and nine singles in the vicinity.

Singles can be worse than doubles: though not so wide, they are more manoeuverable and hence from the potential victim's view less predictable. At least when you spot a double hoving to, you know it is unlikely to change course.

Shopping trolleys can be pushed or pulled. The important thing to remember about those pushed is not to stop suddenly when one is following you. This is not easy for they emerge behind you unpredictably from shop doors, usually just *at the moment a pulled version* stops without warning ahead of you. By some feat of engineering both spikes simultaneously find their *marks, one in each ankle.* The trolleys are overloaded and an instant mix of cat litter and frosties is scattered over the pavement.

Shaken, I enter the building society. There are two queues. It is not wise to join the shorter. It consists of a lady who has two children, Shareen and Wayne, who have been hiding under a table. Just as you think she's finished, they emerge clutching plastic models of a building society branch office stuffed with one pence pieces. No, they do not know how many pennies they have got.

Would they like the cashier to count them, asks the cashier. Would they like the cashier to count them, repeats the mummy. They would. She does. I join the other queue which is now even longer because of something to do with a man who needs his wife's signature "and she is in Leicester". The cashiers are commendably patient. Everyone except me seems to be enjoying it.

Next, to the post office to buy a stamp. The machine does not work. Apparently I am the only person who has passed money across the counter in a clerk-wise direction this morning. The lady in front of me receives a huge pile of notes. I meet her again in the supermarket at the check-out. I am pleased with myself, she only has half a dozen items. "That will be eleven pounds sixty-two", says the girl. The lady repeats the figures and adds, "I'll have to *pay by cheque". Then follows a full* five minutes rummaging. The chequebook is in a wallet which is in a handbag which is in a carrier which is in a holdall. It is eventually produced.

"Do you have a cheque card, *Madam?" Madam has dutifully kept* that separate from the chequebook, but where? "Silly me, I don't have to pay by cheque at all. I've got plenty of notes, I have just been to the post office for my allowance, haven't I?" She has.

Meanwhile I have been gloomily gazing at the contents of her supermarket trolley and trying to work out via my knowledge of child benefit and income tax levels precisely which items I have bought for her. It's not just the money. It *niggles an involuntarily beneficient* gentleman to see his beneficiary spending his earnings on sweet British wine.

There you are, and that's the product of only an hour. It should however be quite enough to keep the *Liberals happily debating, though* what they will do about it all I don't know. I suppose there are people daft enough to propose state licensing of push-chairs and a driving test for trolleys (two parts, pushing and pulling): they were quick enough to demand that Sir Clive Sinclair's battery-driven thing be taxed, certificated and controlled out of existence.

The only answer I can think of is that we victims should swear more loudly and glare more reproachfully. Who knows, if from tomorrow we all resolve to be more demonstrably disapproving, we might win. On second thoughts if I borrow a plastic model building society box and work hard I might be able to afford a trolley of my own.

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Party games with Monty the Mole

It was a quiet afternoon. In South Yorkshire a working miner was eaten alive by militant piranha fish. The government, already reeling from a shock-horror by-election defeat, was forced to use troops to quell food riots by starving pensioners. Mr Denis Thatcher was caught trying to escape from Number Ten. Meanwhile the Soviets launched nuclear strike on Miami, and the West had less than five minutes to scramble its stealth bombers and take out Moscow.

All these things happened on five current computer games. Political software has arrived. You can have a video fantasy adventure with today's headlines, and use real political figures as electronic heroes and villains. Are these games "just a bit of fun"? Or do they carry a secret message? Is there a video conspiracy to show Arthur Scargill as an Alien Mutant From Mars?

Mr Scargill certainly seems to be a popular choice for political video games. He is one of a big cast in *Denis*, an adventure game whose hero is Mrs Thatcher's husband. Guided incongruously by a fellow Dennis – Mr Skinner – Mr Thatcher has to escape from the political jungle to the little pub At the End of the Monetarist Dream World. En route he must avoid not only Mr Scargill but also the Pope (and Ian Paisley), Presidents Reagan and Mitterrand, Prince William (and most of his relatives), a clutch of Cabinet ministers, Ken Livingstone, Mary Whitehouse and other leaders of modern thought including the editor of *Private Eye*. The game is lost instantly if he is caught by Mrs Thatcher. In my hands Mr Thatcher was recaptured instantly and I left him trapped miles from any possible nineteenth hole.

Wanted – Monty Mole is riding high in the video game charts. Monty Mole is a working miner in South Yorkshire. He has to get into his pit, avoiding flying pickets and *falling sacks of coal. Then he must* collect pick, bucket and wage packet and work at the coal face, avoiding drills, crushers and piranha fish (yes, piranha fish). At the end Monty Mole battles with fiery Arthur and his deadly weapon – flying hair-sprays.

The game had some deficiencies. I began to suspect bias when I saw no provision for video riot police or flying sequestrators. But it was refreshing to see Scargill get more sympathetic treatment as Fiery Arthur than he receives from most other media. *Wanted – Monty Mole* was devised by the teenage son of a striking miner.

In *Election* the player fights the Pendell by-election for Conservative. Labour or Alliance. Having chosen his party he is offered seven of its declared policies from which he chooses three to write a manifesto. The game gives the Alliance by far the most attractive policies and allocates Labour some of its daftest. The by-election campaign lasts 10 computer days, with polls, meetings, poster and newspaper advertising, and street-by-street canvassing.

The game departed completely from reality by assuming that Labour's campaign was fought without a single row, split or media disaster. In spite of this, the Tory won comfortably and kept on winning comfortably when I tried again. I produced a Labour victory only when the Tory campaigned as *ineptly as the game allowed and* after the government turned down his plea to restore hanging.

1984 is a complex game which simulates a British government running the economy. I tested it for bias by doing the sensible things from Labour's programme and it played fair: it awarded my government with higher growth and some extra jobs at the cost of rather higher inflation. Moreover, it allowed satisfactory wage settlements with everyone except the greedy and extortionate civil servants.

Unfortunately it is very easy in 1984 for a government to forget to do things. In my case I forgot to put up pensions and my government fell on a vote of confidence after troops were used against elderly food rioters.

Raid Over Moscow is back to fantasy, sinister rather than zany. The game begins when the Soviets cheat on the "Salt IV agreement" and launch an all-out nuclear strike on Miami.

According to the game, "the Soviets believe that their treachery will lead to total world domination". Only you (the player) can save the West. As squadron leader you must get your five stealth bombers out of the secret space station (presumably the West also cheated on the Salt IV treaty), nuke all the Soviet launch sites and then drop a commando team to take out the Kremlin defence command. I could get no bombers out of the space station at all, and was presently informed that the Soviet attack had succeeded. The screen then went black, presumably to depict the "nuclear winter".

I am working on a new game myself. I intend to make it fun but life-like and free of the political bias *which creeps or storms into the* other games. You, the player, are Kino, a little dragon. You are leading a party of other animals, including the Healeyphant and the Hefferlump, and have four years to take them to the end of the rainbow.

You must follow a turning and twisting road and keep to the middle of it, even when other animals try to pull you right or left. From time to time alien mutants *infiltrate the* animals behind you, turn bright red, and try to stab you in the back. You meet the Blue Monster regularly, and unless you hit fast she beats you up. You lose the game totally if you get caught with Big Red Artie.

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VICIOUS MARKET CIRCLE

We have seen a scene change in the great moving history of the world's monetary system. For just over a decade, we have been learning what computer-fed, 24-hour speculative markets can do to national exchange rates, and through them to national economies. The lesson is not ended. Given the breadth and depth of these markets, the wonder is not that they should have shifted the pound from $2.40 to $1.10 in four years, but that fluctuations in all major currencies were not even more violent.

Now we have seen the major economic powers take a step back towards a system in which they attempt on occasion to manage the world's most important currency – the dollar. In the British Chancellor's words, the new agreement on concerted currency intervention reached in Washington two weeks ago was designed to demonstrate that speculation could be a two-way risk. It is far too soon to judge whether this will prove significant, let alone whether it would have any chance of real success; the parties to the pact all have such obvious needs to interpret it differently. But whatever else it may turn out to mean, it is emphatically not an agreement to "save the pound".

Thus sterling, and its Government, will have to sink or swim in these turbulent waters with only limited international support – a task made no easier by uncertainty over oil prices and the self-destructive obstinacy of the leaders of Britain's striking miners. Mr Nigel Lawson may *fairly complain that to treat the* pound as a petrocurrency devalues the 95 per cent of Britain's economy which does not consist of oil, while coal accounts for only one-and-a-half per cent. But markets need only marginal reasons for choosing between currencies; while question marks still remain over the Government's handling of the remaining nineteen-twentieths of its economic territory.

First, its policy towards the exchange rate itself. Until sterling came under severe midsummer pressure, it was not wholly clear whether the Government had effectively chosen to shadow the other main European currencies, declining against the dollar at much the same rate. As we said at the time, the Chancellor faced a choice between more open pursuit of this position of relative sterling stability, or the pursuit of low interest rates, constrained only by his domestic monetary targets, with whatever consequences for the exchange rate.

The Government chose the latter course; and it has not enjoyed the consequences. It was not an obviously foolish choice; lower interest rates and a lower pound have helped industry, and it is no coincidence that yesterday's new survey by the Confederation of British Industry (taken before the latest rise in rates) should suggest the best export prospects for seven years. But it was always a risky one, and one from which it is not proving easy for the Chancellor to turn back.

Striving to demonstrate that policy has not changed, Mr Lawson reminds us that the Thatcher Government cut interest rates to damp down the pound's rise in 1980, even though domestic monetary indicators did not suggest they should come down: there is nothing new, he argues, in its present focus on the exchange rate as the dominant indicator of monetary conditions. But this chop-and-change between indicators is precisely the kind of "flexibility" that suspicious *markets will read as shiftiness.* What's more, the cases are not parallel. For – so the Chancellor now says – over the past month there has grown up in the markets unease about domestic monetary indicators too.

It is this vicious circle of market sentiment about the Government's financial intentions, and the Government's seeming acceptance of the market's doubts, which have done most damage – and for which a price must now be paid. For in these conditions, there is no tendency in the market to accept the most favourable of the battery of monetary indicators stuck up by the Chancellor, and every inducement to watch the worst. These show a substantial over-run on public spending and borrowing this year; monetary growth bumping along the top of the target range; and an incomplete and barely credible set of public spending projections for next year.

Mr Lawson's first demonstration of financial firmness – a steep rise in interest rates, which the markets are still threatening to take further – will have very little short-term influence on monetary growth. Thus the focus shifts to the budgetary side of his policy.

The rise in interest rates will increase the Government's burden of debt interest, for which a credible allowance must be made in the budget. If the Chancellor took no other action, that would still imply that much less scope for tax cuts within his £7 billion target for the public sector borrowing requirement. A demonstration of greater firmness would be to lower that target itself. But this year's failures followed a precisely similar attempt last spring to demonstrate commitment by producing a lower-than expected target for the PSBR, which has now been obviously overshot.

The lesson is that markets are less impressed by targets than by achievements; and it is about these that they are expressing disappointment. For the Chancellor, *this means he must* now concentrate on improving the credibility of his figures; which in turn means that before abandoning the attempt to cut taxes, he should announce that he is going to review, and lower, public spending programmes to allow more realistic margins for error. The message for his spending colleagues is that the Government should tackle the root causes of financial failure, rather than supinely accept its consequences.

SALE OF HONOURS

There is no possible argument on which the decision by the congregation of Oxford University to refuse Mrs Thatcher the proposed honorary degree is worthy of respect. It is the culmination of a nasty campaign which has oscillated between political spite and logic-chopping. Every Oxford graduate, of whatever party, who has previously attained the high office of Prime Minister since the war has been awarded an honorary doctorate. Mrs Thatcher alone has been refused because the dons campaigning against her resent her government's policies and particularly those which affect education. By doing so, Oxford has made it clear that an honorary doctorate for anyone in public life who is concerned with politics is now no more than a political award.

That, of course, is the opposite of the way in which the case has been presented. Though the Oxford anti-Thatcher campaign began very much as an exercise by militantly left-wing dons it has gathered other and apparently more respectable support which objects to the award on the grounds that the Government's policies have damaged higher education. Thus Sir Kenneth Dover, the President of Corpus Christi, argues that since the tradition of giving this honour to Prime Ministers was established, the whole situation has changed because governments now have more and more control over university policy.

Therefore, he concluded with idiosyncratic logic, it was impossible to give an honorary degree without supporting these policies and Mrs Thatcher should not have one. But that, of course, leads to a further, and more impeccably logical conclusion: that any future Prime Minister to whom the donnish majority was prepared to give an honorary doctorate would be one whose policies found favour with them. To escape from the difficulty that an Oxford honorary doctorate was a seal of political approval, Sir Kenneth, like some of the Marxist dons who spearheaded this campaign, says that no politician should be so honoured, and that such doctorates should go only to people who have achieved distinction in scholarship, the arts or the sciences.

Where this leaves a distinguished economist who is a monetarist (or if the political thoughts of the Oxford majority changed) a Keynesian is now also surely a matter for Oxford. Indeed, where is it going to draw a distinction between those in public life too tarnished by *political activities to merit an* award and those who do qualify?

Even the argument that the Government's policies have damaged education is flawed. Mrs Thatcher has cut education they say. Yet total spending on education in 1979/80 was £13,613 million at today's prices. This year it is £13,753 million. Current spending on universities has risen from £1,194 million in 1978/80 (at today's prices) to £1,338 million in the current year and although it will fall somewhat in the next three years it will still be more than when Mrs Thatcher took over. As for Oxford itself, its total cash income was £69 million in 1979/80 (today's prices) and is nearly £71 million this year, which is at least not deprivation.

Always eager to raise money through the college connections for new quadrangles and for the upkeep of gardens, Oxford is less assiduous in trying to attract private money to the university's academic work, which of course is what it should do if it dislikes the Government's control over its policies because the Government provides the money. What seems to lie behind this sorry business is that Oxford now sells its honours, giving doctorates when the Government provides money enough, and not otherwise. For there is not the slightest doubt that Mrs Thatcher's case would not have precipitated a change of principle had the Government been prepared to make an exception for education, proferring a cornucopia.

ATONING FOR AN AUSTRIAN MISTAKE

"I admit I made a mistake." That statement from Herr Friedhelm Frischenschlager, the Austrian defence minister, has apparently satisfied his cabinet colleagues that no further political consequences need flow from his extraordinary action last week in going personally to welcome a Nazi war criminal repatriated to Austria on humanitarian grounds by the Italian government. We shall know on Friday whether it satisfies the Austrian parliament. The cabinet decision has the effect of associating the government as a whole with Herr Frischenschlager, even while formally dissociating it from his "mistake".

The Chancellor, Dr Fred Sinowatz, also used the phrase "political mistake" to describe Herr Frischenschlager's action in his speech to the World Jewish Congress on Saturday. It by no means fully satisfied many of his audience there, and understandably so. It may be objected that the victims of Walter Reder, the former SS officer at the centre of the dispute, were non-Jewish Italians. But that is to miss the point. Jews quite naturally have a special horror of Nazism in all its forms, and it would have been as culpable of the WJC to feel itself unconcerned by this gesture – made by a member of the government of the country in which, at that very moment, it was meeting – as it would of a gentile body in analogous circumstances to feel unconcerned by an incident involving Jews.

There are some mistakes for which an apology cannot atone. When a member of the American government makes an off-colour joke about members of ethnic or other minorities in front of reporters, that is obviously in one sense a "mistake", but he does not get away with an apology. He has to resign – as does a senior British police officer who refers publicly to black people as "nignogs". The reason is that such "mistakes" reveal something about the person making them which renders him unfit for the office he holds. And Herr Frischenschlager makes things worse for himself, not better, when he says that his presence with Reder last Thursday "was limited to a purely personal capacity", because the issue is, precisely, what sort of person he is. Is he, in fact, the shining new anti-Nazi face of the Austrian Freedom Party, as implied by the letter on this page from Mr T. D. Bridge? Or does his action betray the fact that in reality the new face of this party is not sufficiently different from the old?

Austria has an ambivalent relationship with the Nazi past. Officially it has always been regarded as "the first country to fall victim to Nazi aggression", and of course it is true that many Austrians honourably, even heroically, resisted the *anschluss* and the ensuing Nazi rule. But many welcomed it, and fought enthusiastically as Germans in the Wehrmacht during World War Two. By and large, the world accepts that the Austria of today represents the former rather than the latter, and the willingness of the WJC to meet in Vienna is evidence of that. But the presence of someone like Herr Frischenschlager in the government inevitably casts doubt on that assumption, and is bound to place a strain on the relations between Austria and those who would like to be her friends.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Impact of cuts on farm efficiency

From Sir Ralph Riley, FRS

Sir, The Government proposes that investments by the agriculture departments in agricultural and food research and development shall be reduced by £10m in 1986/87 and by £20m in 1987/88. This means that by 1987 there will be approximately 10 per cent less R & D than currently.

Cuts may have been proposed because of the marvellous increase in UK agricultural production. British farming provided 80 per cent of the temperate foods we ate in 1984 compared with just over 60 per cent in 1973. The increase resulted from the stimulus of the market, partly as a consequence of central intervention, and the perspicacity and skill of farmers and farm workers. However, these would not have been sufficient unless there had been new knowledge from civil science and technology to apply.

Different issues now face agriculture. We require significantly to increase the competitiveness and efficiency of production rather than its volume; to sustain the effective use of land and practise farming in ways that do not offend the increasing "green" sensitivities; and to ensure that the cost of imported food does not become an insupportable burden on our balance of payments when the contribution from oil diminishes.

These are new objectives for agricultural research in changed economic and social conditions. Scientists who have so successfully assisted the nation to achieve increased production can be expected to contribute equally effectively to the new goals. Short-term savings could destroy this valuable capability.

If the new cuts are implemented, the spend per head of the population on agricultural and food R & D in the UK would be lower than that of all other Community countries except Greece and Italy. Is that acceptable?

Your faithfully,
RALPH RILEY,
Deputy Chairman and Secretary,
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160 Great Portland Street, W1.
January 22.

Hitler and the Jews

From Mr Clive D. Greidinger

Sir, Today (January 19) you give prominence to a news report with the bold headline, "Zionists accused of working with Nazis". If one reads the report one learns, in the fifth paragraph, that "the official Soviet media frequently attack Zionism", and in the last paragraph, the eleventh, that Tass, whose report you are reporting, states that its author has published several anti-Zionist works.

The accusation is not new. It has been kicked around by anti-Zionists and anti-Semites for years. I do not know if a Jewish-owned bank lent Hitler money in 1929; I do know that Hitler did not achieve power until 1933 and that it was a while after that before the world in general and Jewry in particular realised the full evil of the man and his regime. Thus to cite such a loan as evidence of the accusation can only be proof of its weakness.

What is important about the report is that it comes at a time when the Soviets are supposed to be about to join with the USA to consider the situation in the Middle East.

The accusation is grotesque and untrue but a casual reader might feel that you are giving currency to it. You might care to scotch that idea without delay.

Yours faithfully,
CLIVE D. GREIDINGER,
3 Delamere Gardens, NW7.
January 19.

Children at work

From Mrs S. Gable

Sir, Digby Anderson (January 23) has most admirably reported the good news about the large numbers of children who have grasped so keenly the employment opportunities open to them. So why does he stop short at drawing the inevitable conclusions?

As the experience gained by doing a job will be so much more useful to working-class children than attendance at school, where they are "unfulfilled", why make them go to school at all? Think of all the public money that could be saved by reducing the school-leaving age to 10, say.

And since working children do not join trade unions and go on strike, what an opportunity to settle the miners' strike – by dismissing all the adults and letting the job be *done by willing 10-year-olds.*

Now where have I seen that before?

Yours faithfully,
S. GABLE,
37b New Cavendish Street, W1.
January 23.

Right of appeal

From Sir Patrick Browne, QC

Sir, As a former Queen's Bench judge and member of the Court of Appeal I had a good deal of experience of administrative law. I wish to support, with all the emphasis I can command, the letter from Professor Graham Zellick and other members of the Editorial Board of *Public Law* in your issue of January 14 about the proposal in the Administration of Justice Bill to abolish the right of appeal from a refusal by a single judge of leave to apply for judicial review.

Until the decisions of the House of Lords in *O'Reilly* v *Mackman* and *Cocks* v *Thanet District Council* (*The Times*, November 26 and 27, 1982) a citizen aggrieved by a decision of a "public authority" or tribunal which he alleged had exceeded or otherwise abused its powers or had failed to carry out its duties had a choice of two alternative remedies – either an action for a declaration or an application for judicial review.

By those decisions the House of Lords in substance took away the citizens' well established right to bring such an action and deprived the courts of jurisdiction to entertain such actions.

Among other comparative disadvantages, an applicant for judicial review must get the leave of the court to make his application; the plaintiff in an action for a declaration did not need leave. It is well established that an applicant for leave to apply for judicial review can at present appeal to the Court of Appeal against the refusal of leave by the single judge.

I am bound to say that this proposed further handicap on citizens who wish to challenge decisions of public authorities or tribunals – again by taking away a well established right – seems to me intolerable, and I can only hope that Parliament will reject it.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
PATRICK BROWNE,
Thriplow Bury,
Thriplow,
Cambridgeshire.

Austrian furore over Nazi's release

From Mr T. D. Bridge

Sir, I met Dr Friedhelm Frischenschlager, the Austrian Minister of Defence, recently and like many of your readers, was surprised by the events that took place last week (report, January 28). I am working on a project for the Austrian Army, and whilst the Austrian Chancellor, Herr Sinowatz, has apologized to the World Jewish Council, I have obtained further information which may be of interest to your readers.

The health of the former SS Major Reder has been the subject of discussion between the Austrian and Italian governments for some time and for humanitarian reasons it was agreed, several weeks ago, that Reder should be released five months before the end of his sentence. Both governments saw it as a case of a repentant, sick old man who wanted to die in his own country.

A confidential agreement was reached between the two governments. Italy stipulated four conditions. These were:

1. Reder was to be taken into Austria by an official representative of the Austrian Government. Thus the Italian Government made Austria responsible for the security of Reder, so that he could not immediately return to private life in Austria.
2. No information was to be published in advance of Reder's arrival, since neither Government wanted the matter to be on anything other than a humanitarian basis.
3. Reder, for the first 10 days after his arrival in Austria, was to be kept in a secure place with no access to the public.
4. Italy and Austria were to issue a simultaneous press release on Thursday, January 24, at 7.15 pm announcing Reder's arrival in Austria. No further statements would then be published.

I understand that neither government wanted any publicity, let alone glamour, attached to Reder's record of wickedness and that the Austrian Foreign Ministry asked their Ministry of Defence to handle the matter because, in technical terms, Reder is still a *prisoner of war.*

The Austrians felt that it was most important to observe the Italian conditions to the letter. It was for this reason that Dr Frischenschlager decided to personally oversee the detail.

Dr Frischenschlager has unequivocally condemned the atrocities that occurred in Italy and elsewhere in the last war. Shortly after being made Minister of Defence in 1983, he ordered that a passing-out parade of Austrian Army recruits should take place, for the first time, on the site of the infamous Mauthausen concentration camp in which thousands of people were murdered by the Nazis.

The Austrian President was amongst the company who heard him say:

Normally, such a parade would be a notable ceremony, held to the applause of all present, but not at such a terrible place as this. I wanted to have the parade here to remind our young people of the democratic values which we hold to be so important and for which so many people suffered and died here at Mauthausen camp ... People are still suffering and dying elsewhere in the world in defence of those same basic freedoms.

Yours faithfully,
T. D. BRIDGE,
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How to compromise on air traffic

From Sir Peter G. Masefield

Sir, Having been closely involved, during the past 42 years, in 11 successive, public and departmental *inquiries on the evocative subject of* airports for London and the South-east, may I pay tribute to the latest (and best) contribution to this saga – the comprehensive, 62 chapter report by Mr Graham Eyre, QC, following his 258 working days of public hearings between September, 1981, and July, 1983.

From this studious and well-balanced analysis six issues clearly emerge, all of them of the highest importance to our future national trade, international standing and balance of payments in world air transport. "The years that the locust hath eaten" cannot be restored, but they now pose for us decisions that cannot be further delayed. They are:

1. That on, what can be seen as, increasingly conservative estimates *for continued traffic growth,* capacity at both Heathrow and Gatwick airports will become saturated at the latest by 1991 (at some 60 million passengers a year) and, unless additional runway and terminal capacity is provided elsewhere, international air traffic and trade will be lost to the nearer Continental destinations, probably never to return.
2. Traffic through regional airports (currently at some 22 million a year) will undoubtedly increase substantially and, by 1991, is likely to exceed 30 million passengers. But, important as these regional airports are to the future, they cannot meet the demands of traffic essentially destined to and from the South-east. Experience has shown that if forced away by overcrowding at London's airports, this traffic will divert primarily to the Continent rather than to elsewhere in the United Kingdom.
3. As things have now come about, only Stansted can be developed sufficiently quickly (using its present, excellent, runway) to meet the inevitable demand for additional airport capacity for London and the South-east by 1991. The requirement for growth at Stansted can, *however, be limited to its existing* runway and, for the present, to a relatively modest new terminal for up to five million passengers per annum (principally for charter traffic) provided that a terminal five is authorised on the existing space occupied by the Perry Oaks sludge works between the runways at Heathrow, of no value to the green belt but close to M25.
4. By 1995 the probable demand for not less than 75 million passengers per annum (mppa) through London's four major airports could then be handled by the following approximate division: 47 mppa at Heathrow through five terminals; 21 mppa at Gatwick through two terminals; 4 mppa at Stansted through one terminal; 3 *mppa at Luton through one* terminal.
5. Not to make full use of the existing runway capacity at Heathrow would be a serious under-utilisation of scarce national resources. But by the early 1990s there will be a significant further reduction in aircraft noise and, even with increased traffic, fewer people will be affected around major airports.
6. Though, with five terminals, Heathrow could handle eventually up to 53 mppa, further decisions will have to be taken for the provision of additional capacity after the end of this century. Because history has shown that some 12 years must elapse between an inquiry and the fruits of its work, a further public inquiry will have to be contemplated by 1988. *It will thus maintain the* historic average of one every four years.

Yours faithfully,
PETER MASEFIELD.
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Reigate, Surrey.
January 24.

'Sunny Scunny'

From Mr Richard Hickmet, MP for Glanford and Scunthorpe (Conservative)

Sir, I wonder if you appreciate the damage which the article by Jeremy Seabrook (feature, January 12) did to Scunthorpe and to my constituents.

One will always find a handful of life's unfortunates in any part of the country. Your Correspondent did not wish to go to Scunthorpe, nor was it correct for him to represent those unfortunates there as representative of the people in the town as a whole, or indeed in part.

Scunthorpe, which has development area status and qualifies for European aid, is now the most attractive region in the country in which to invest. It is strategically placed, being situate on the Trent, the wharves of which now handle more cargo than the port of Hull; the deep-water port of Immingham is 20 miles away by motorway.

Your correspondent failed to mention that the town produces as much steel today as it did in 1981 when the world recession, world over-capacity in steel and Britain's uncompetitiveness forced the closure of one of our two steelworks and 11,000 redundancies. Already significant investment is taking place in the enterprise zones, with over 400 new jobs being announced in the very week that you published the article.

I am only too well aware of the hardship that exists in "Sunny Scunny", but your Correspondent would have served the interests of Scunthorpe better and those of its people if he had highlighted the positive aspects.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD HICKMET,
House of Commons.
January 19.

VAT on books

From Mrs Hilary Bradt

Sir, If the Net Book Agreement (price maintenance) is abolished, as Mr Fuller (January 19) suggests, books would not be cheaper. Only publishers of popular titles in the United States can afford the 60 per cent discount demanded by the big discount chains such as B. Dalton.

Such books are already cheap in Britain. More specialised books, selling in smaller numbers, are bound to be more expensive, both in Britain and the US.

Mr Fuller has misread the causes of the lively book business he noted across the Atlantic. Small booksellers and publishers are fighting for survival: not waving but drowning.

Yours faithfully,
HILARY BRADT,
Kilnside,
Harvest Hill,
Bourne End,
Buckinghamshire.

ON THIS DAY

JANUARY 30 1871

The Franco-Prussian war had its origins in the growing power of Prussia in the latter half of the nineteenth century. The proposal that Prince Leopold of Hohenzollern-Sigmaringen should be considered for the vacant throne of Spain precipitated French fears of becoming encircled by enemies; war was declared in July 1870.

THE CAPITULATION OF PARIS

FOREIGN OFFICE. JAN. 29.

The following telegram has been received from General Walker, dated Versailles, January 29, 11.25 a.m.:–

"An Armistice of 21 days.

"A Constituent Assembly will immediately be called together in Bordeaux.

"The whole of the Forts will be surrendered to-day.

"The army remain in Paris as prisoners of war. All arms, with the exception of those of the National Guard and one Division, will be delivered up.

"Communication with Paris will be provisionally restricted. Re-victualment allowed".

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

BERLIN, JAN. 29.

According to a telegram from Count Bismarck, dated yesterday, he has signed with M. Jules Favre the Capitulation of all the Paris Forts, and three weeks Armistice by land and sea.

The Paris army remains in the city as prisoners of war.

(BY TELEGRAPH)
(FROM OUR BERLIN CORRESPONDENT)

IMPERIAL HEAD-QUARTERS, VERSAILLES

JAN. 28

The cannonade before Paris has been suspended on both sides, according to agreement, since midnight on the 26th.

General Kettler, on the 23rd inst., advanced in the direction on Dijon, when he captured five officers and 150 men. The colour-bearer of the Second Battalion of the 61st Prussian Regiment was there shot in a night engagement in a wood, and the colour is missing.

Between Chatillon and Montereaux *detachments of the enemy have been* seen.

(FROM OUR BERLIN CORRESPONDENT)

JAN. 29. 2 P.M.

IMPERIAL HEAD QUARTERS, VERSAILLES

The following telegraphic despatch has just been sent by the Emperor to the Empress:-

"Last night an Armistice for three weeks was signed.

"The troops of the Line and the Mobiles will be interned in Paris as prisoners of war.

"The Garde Nationale Sedentaire undertakes the preservation of order.

"We occupy all the Forts.

"Paris remains invested. It will be allowed to procure provisions as soon as the arms have been delivered up.

"A Constituent Assembly will be summoned to meet at Bordeaux in a fortnight.

"The armies in the field retain possession of the respective tracts of country occupied by them, with neutral zones intervening.

"This is the first blessed reward of patriotism, heroism, and heavy sacrifices. I thank God for this fresh mercy. May Peace soon follow!"

*** The preamble to "On this Day" on January 25 should have read: Louis XVI succeeded his grandfather Louis XV in 1774.*

Round pounds

From the Reverend Andrew McIntosh

Sir, Like Mr Noble (January 19) I shall be sorry not to be able to flick a pound note at the bar. I am unlikely to be spending many pound coins on tipping porters (*vide* Mr Griffiths).

My biggest regret at the changeover is that the pound coin will not go through the slots in some of our church wall-boxes which are made (for obvious reasons) of toughened steel and do not respond to my attacks with a file. Many visitors have been generously disposed to put in pound notes and I fear that similar kindness in the future will be frustrated.

Perhaps, like London Transport, we should display a notice: "The following coins are accepted . . ."!

I am, yours faithfully,
ANDREW McINTOSH,
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Maldon,
Essex.

Acid snow

From Dr T. D. Davies

Sir, Mr A. E. Doe (January 23) is quite right to point out the importance of snowmelt in the acid rain issue. The so-called "fractionation process" concentrates acid in the first meltwaters. Research is indeed being undertaken on the composition of snow, on the process whereby pollutants are removed from snowpacks and on the possible implications of the snowmelt "acid flush".

Nature, (November 1, 1984) reported a fall of heavily polluted snow in Scotland which was five times more acidic than Mr Doe's *samples. The first meltwater from* the recent snows which fell on Norfolk was four times more acidic than the fresh snow.

Yours sincerely,
T. D. DAVIES,
School of Environmental Sciences,
University of East Anglia,
Norwich.
January 23.

Down to earth

From Mrs William Moore

Sir, The bath extract which "revitalises my whole body, by searching deep down into my pores, with five vitamins, chlorophyll, the delicate scent of pine forests, and a special extract of horse-chestnuts" sadly does not offer me the additional mental invigoration of a chemistry lesson.

Yours faithfully,
MARY MOORE,
14 Dornden Drive,
Langton Green,
Kent.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM
January 29: The Hon Mary Morrison has succeeded Mrs John Dugdale as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

KENSINGTON PALACE
January 29: The Prince and Princess of Wales arrived at Bridgend Station in the Royal Train this morning.

Their Royal Highnesses subsequently visited Align-Rite Ltd at the Mid Glamorgan High Tech Science Park, Bridgend, and afterwards visited the Bridgend College of Technology, Cowbridge Road.

The Prince of Wales, President, The Royal Jubilee and Prince's Trusts, accompanied by The Princess of Wales, this afternoon visited the premises of recipients of Youth Business Initiative bursaries in Mid and South Glamorgan.

Their Royal Highnesses, attended by Mr David Roycroft and Mrs George West, returned to London in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

KENSINGTON PALACE:
January 29: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, Colonel in Chief, the Royal Corps of Transport, today received Major-General F. J. Plaskett on relinquishing his appointment as Representative Colonel Commandant and Major-General V. H. J. Carpenter on assuming the appointment.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE:
January 29: Princess Alexandra and the Hon Angus Ogilvy were present at the Luncheon at Guildhall on the occasion of the 30th Anniversary of *The Standard* Drama Awards.

This evening Her Royal Highness, President of World Wildlife Fund, United Kingdom, and Mr Ogilvy attended a Gala Dinner, in aid of the WWF/Prestige Hotels "Save the British Oak" campaign, at the Inn on the Park, London W1.

Lady Mary Fitzalan-Howard was in attendance.

The Prince of Wales will visit the British Holistic Medical Association in Gloucester Place, London, on February 12, not the BMA as reported yesterday.

A memorial service for Mr Seymour de Lotbiniere will be held at All Souls, Langham Place, at noon today.

A memorial service for Percy Norris, British Deputy High Commissioner at Bombay, will be held tomorrow at noon in the Chapel of the Order of the British Empire, St Paul's Cathedral.

Memorial service

Sir William McKie

A memorial service for Sir William McKie was held in Westminster Abbey yesterday. The Dean of Westminster officiated, assisted by the Rev Alan Luff, Precentor and Sacrist, and the Right Rev E. G. Knapp-Fisher, The High Commissioner for Australia and Mr John Birch read the lessons. The Right Rev J. D. McKie, brother, the Rev J. John and Canon A. Howden were robed and in the sacrarium. During the service Sir William and Lady McKie's ashes were interred in the West Cloister. Among those present were:

Miss Molly McKie (sister), Mrs J D McKie (sister-in-law), Dr and Mrs J Craggs, Miss Janet McKie, Miss Jane McKie, the Rev A O and Mrs Wigram, Canon and Mrs G J Rogers, Mr and Mrs Scott Cameron, Canon and Mrs G H Hewitt.

The Earl and Countess of Aylesford, the Dowager Lady Kilmaine, Lady Clare Finch-Knightley, the Hon Mrs John Prevtte, Vera Lady Newson-Smith, Lady Bliss; Mr W R J Pulleo (Receiver General, Westminster Abbey) and Mrs Pulleo with Mr J P Foster (Surveyor of the Fabric), Mr T G M Keall (headmaster, the Choir School), Mr S J Holmes (Registrar) and Mrs Douglas Guest; Mr Lance Cock (representing the Bishop of Bath and Wells and the Royal School of Church Music), Dr Bernard Rose (Magdalen College, Oxford) and Mrs Rose, Mr D Findlay (Organs Advisory Committee), Mr and Mrs I C Aussley (Lambeth and District Choral Society), Dr David Lumsden (Royal Academy of Music) with Mr Hugh Marchent; Mr C P Woolley (Gregorian Association) with the Rev P Dyson, Mr E H Warrell and Mr P R M Benett; Mr Joseph Cooper (Clifton College) and Mrs Cooper, Mr D Munro (London Organists' Guild).

Dr W Dykes Bower, Mr C Dearnley, Professor and Mrs I Keys, Mr and Mrs M Neary, Mrs E Norman-Butler, Mr S Cleobury, Mr A J W Isenthuil, Dr F Jackson, Major D A Imlay, Mr P Cranmer, Canon and Mrs G H C Hewitt, Colonel S M W Hickey, Mr R Lawrence, the Rev J L Potter, Dr and Mrs A J Pritchard, Mr and Mrs Martindale Sidwell, Dr J M Walker, Canon C P Jones and Dr A R W Hatfield.

Bishops appointed

The Very Rev Charles John Klyberg, Dean of Lusaka, has been appointed Bishop Suffragan of Fulham, in succession to the Right Rev Brian John Masters, who is to be Bishop of Edmonton.

The Venerable Ian Harland, Archdeacon of Doncaster, is to be Bishop Suffragan of Lancaster, in succession to the Right Rev Dennis Fountain Page, who will be resigning on April 30.

University news

York

Grants

Department of biology: £44,398 from the Agricultural and Food Research Council for the development of biological control of bracken (Pteridium aquilinum) using imported insects.
Cancer Research Unit: £50,000 from the Imperial Cancer Research Fund for an investigation of the role of DNA repair enzymes in the removal of arylamine-nucleic acid base adducts.
Department of electronics: £273,388 from British Telecom as financial assistance for the establishment and maintenance of facilities for studying electronic systems engineering.

Department of physics: £116,327 from the Science and Engineering Research Council Alvey Directorate to study high resolution quantitative auger microscopy of device structures.
Department of psychology: £42,625 from the Science and Engineering Research Council to study associative and contextual factors in latent inhibition: implications for conditioning theory.

Sussex

Appointments

Readers: Dr L Soete (science policy research unit); Dr G N von Tunzelman (economics of science and technology).
Lecturers: Dr P G Clifton (experimental psychology); Mr D G C Harper (biology); Dr S Lloyd (electronic engineering); Mr D Longman (education).

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P. R. Dodd-Noble and Miss J. L. Geddes

The engagement is announced between Patrick, son of Mr Adrian Dodd-Noble, of Keenleyside, Allendale, Northumberland, and the late Lady Elizabeth Dodd-Noble, and Julia, daughter of Mr William Leys Geddes, of Pen-Rih-Wyn, Llyswen, Brecon, and the late Mrs W. L. Geddes.

Mr M. Baigent and Miss S. Apedaile

The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Mr and Mrs Cyril Baigent, of Chessington, Surrey, and Sanda, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Gordon Apedaile, of Surbiton, Surrey.

Mr K. J. Baker and Miss A. J. Blewett

The engagement is announced between Keith, son of Mr and Mrs J. E. Baker, of Chilham, Kent, and Alison, daughter of Brigadier and Mrs R. S. Blewett, of Stockland, Devon.

Mr S. J. Betts and Miss P. F. Sinclair

The engagement is announced between Stephen, eldest son of Mr and Mrs S. R. Betts, Old Manor House, Offham, Kent, and Fiona, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs W. K. M. Sinclair, Mount of Glenluffin, Kirkcudbrightshire.

Mr R. T. H. Edwards and Miss G. R. Rees

The engagement is announced between Ronald, only son of Mrs M. Edwards and the late Mr W. E. Edwards, of Lee, south London, and Gilian, only daughter of Mr T. M. Rees and the late Mrs G. E. Rees, of Swansea, South Wales.

Mr S. M. L. Fairclough and Miss S. Seymour

The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Dr and Mrs D. J. Fairclough, of Tankersley, Yorkshire, and Sarah, daughter of Mrs M. S. Bonilla, of Ealing, London.

Mr D. M. S. Fyffe and Mlle N. M. A. Pialot

The engagement is announced between David, twin son of Mr and Mrs Laurence Fyffe, of Corsindae, Sauchen, Aberdeenshire, and Noëlle, daughter of M and Mme André Pialot, of Aulas, Le Vigan, France.

Mr B. C. Johnston and Miss A. P. Cousins

The engagement is announced between Bryan Campbell Johnston, The King's Own Scottish Borderers, son of Mr and Mrs Brian Johnston, of Nunthorpe, Cleveland, and Anne Patricia, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Deryck E. Cousins, of Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex.

Mr A. J. B. Norman and Miss C. M. Y. Dobson

The engagement is announced between James, son of the late Lieutenant-Colonel A. M. B. Norman and of Mrs A. M. B. Norman, of 3 Britten House, Britten Street, SW3, and Caroline, second daughter of the late Major E. Y. Dobson and of Mrs E. Y. Dobson, of The Old House, Duxford, Cambridgeshire.

Mr G. B. Olliver and Miss D. E. Peters

The engagement is announced between Gray, younger son of Mr and Mrs D. J. Olliver, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent, and Diane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Peters, of Prestwich, Manchester.

Mr J. S. Parkinson and Miss D. L. Martin

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs Gerald Parkinson, of Folkington, Sussex, and Deborah, daughter of Mr and Mrs Donald Martin, of Rosebank, Johannesburg, South Africa.

Mr S. J. Prichard and Miss A. V. Shaw

The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs C. Prichard, of London, and Ann, daughter of Mrs P. A. Mills and the late Captain John Shaw, of Umtentweni, South Africa.

Mr N. Smith and Miss A. Fogg

The engagement is announced between Neil, son of the late E. H. Smith and Mrs H. K. Smith, of Broadstone, Dorset, and Alison, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Fogg, of Sunningdale, Berkshire, who are presently living in Zambia.

Mr P. F. Spink and Miss C. E. Johnson

The engagement is announced between Patrick Farley, second son of Dr and Mrs F. R. Spink, of Brockham, Surrey, and Claire Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. E. R. Johnson, of Horsmonden, Kent.

Mr R. M. S. Wormal and Miss D. M. F. Wallace

The engagement is announced between Miles, younger son of the late Mr W. G. Wormal and Mrs A. C. S. Wormal, of Hoxne, Suffolk, and Diane, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. G. Wallace, of Ibiza, formerly Harrogate, North Yorkshire.

Marriages

Mr R. P. Fremantle and Mrs N. H. Matterson

The marriage took place in London on January 29 between Mr Robin Fremantle and Mrs Noel Matterson.

Mr J. Gore and Miss K. Simpson

The marriage took place on Thursday, January 24, 1985, at Chelsea Register Office between Mr Jack Gore and Mrs Kathleen Simpson.

Christening

The infant daughter of Colonel and Mme Maximilian Trofaier was christened Anna Maria Angelica at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, by Father Peter Knott, SJ, on Friday January, 11, 1985. The godparents are Hofrat Dr Alexander Appenroth, Signor Vincenzo D'Agustino, Miss Ann Burnard, Miss Doris Trofaier, and Miss Ann Jones.

Birthdays today

Sir Herbert Ashworth, 75; Lord Bernstein, 86; Sir Fred Catherwood, MEP, 60; Miss Christina Foyle, 74; Mr Patrick Heron, 65; the Earl of Huntingdon, 84; Viscount Long, 56; Lord Lowry, 66; Sir Foley Newns, 76; Professor A. G. Ogston, 74; Mr Louis Osman, 71; Mr Hal Prince, 57; Miss Vanessa Redgrave, 48; Mr Percy Thrower, 72.

Luncheon

Propeller Club of the United States

The Propeller Club of the United States held a luncheon at the American Embassy yesterday. Mr James Emery was the guest speaker.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:

Group Captain, Donald A. J. Starkey to be Secretary of the RAF Benevolent Fund's Princess Marina House, Rustington, West Sussex, and of Alastrean House, Tarland, Aberdeenshire. He succeeds Wing Commander Allan Scott.

Captain D. A. Wallis, RN, to be Clerk of the Merchant Taylors' Company on March 1, in succession to Mr A. T. Langdon-Down.

Legal

Mr I. B. Glick, Mr G. F. Pulman and Mr C. J. M. Symons to be Junior Counsel to the Crown, Common Law.

Music room restored

The Music Room at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton reopens to the public today for the first time in 10 years. The room has been restored at a cost of £225,000 after an arson attack

Knighthood for judge

A knighthood is to be conferred on Mr Justice Saville on his appointment as a Justice of the High Court of Justice.



Mr Patrick MacEntee, a Dublin barrister, made legal history yesterday when he became the first Senior Counsel from the republic to be admitted to the Northern Ireland Inner Bar since partition. He was sworn in as a Queen's Counsel by Lord Lowry, Lord Chief Justice, at Belfast High Court.

Latest wills

Mr George METCALFE, of Wakefield, West Yorks, a former deputy chief constable of the West Riding, who as head of West Riding CID, solved all 40 murder inquiries he undertook, left estate valued at £46,514 net.
Kelvin, Mrs Anne Phyllis Miriam, of Crouch End, London.....£561,163
Kennett, Miss Barbara Frances, of Symondsbury, Bridport, Dorset £587,261
Pedrick, Mr Vyvyan Goy, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent.....£473,658
Till, Mrs Betty Moyra, of Deal, Kent.....£407,362

Inner Temple

Judge Pigot, QC, Common Serjeant in the City of London, has been elected a Master of the Bench of the Inner Temple.

OBITUARY

MARSHAL OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE LORD CAMERON OF BALHOUSIE

Former Chief of Defence Staff

Marshal of the Royal Air Force Lord Cameron of Balhousie, GCB, CBE, DSO, DFC, who died yesterday in a London hospital at the age of 64, was *Chief of the Air Staff from 1976* to 1977 and Chief of Defence Staff from 1977 to 1979.

At its outset and indeed for several years, his career showed no signs that he was destined for the top of his profession. He had not been through Cranwell, the traditional provider of the top echelons of the RAF, but joined the Volunteer Reserve in the ranks in the months before the outbreak of war in 1939 remaining in the ranks for two further years and not deciding to make a career with the RAF until after the end of hostilities.

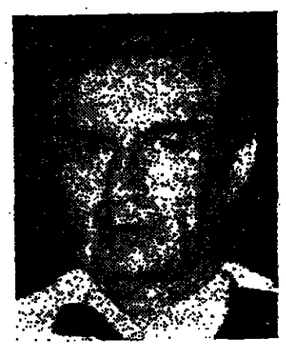
But as a senior officer he was to establish a reputation as a forceful personality and astute brain and was also one of the most controversial and outspoken Chiefs of Defence Staff for many years.

Neil Cameron was born on July 8, 1920. His father died when he was in infancy and he was brought up by his mother and grandfather who was Inspector of the Poor in Perth. He was educated at Perth Academy which he left to become a bank clerk. However, the RAF was expanding in those last few months of grace before the outbreak of war, and early in 1939 he joined the volunteer reserve.

He flew throughout the battle of Britain as a sergeant pilot with 17 squadron in Hurricanes and was not commissioned until 1941. This he was wont to *attribute to his having* damaged an aircraft in a flying accident in training. However he had better luck in not going with the half of his squadron which was sent to Singapore in 1941 where it and its pilots fell into Japanese hands almost immediately.

Instead he went to Murmansk where his half of the squadron, renumbered 134, escorted Russian bombers on sorties aginst the German invading forces. Cameron and his colleagues also trained Russian pilots to fly the Hurricanes which were being supplied by Britain as war aid from an ally.

After a slow start he was an acting squadron leader by 1943 and went with 258 squadron to Burma where he spent the rest of his war. Here in operations with Hurricanes and later Republic Thunderbolt fighter-bombers against the Japanese from jungle airstrips in steaming heat, he was awarded the DFC and DSO for his courage



and inspiring qualities as a *leader*.

After the war he accepted a permanent commission and after passing through the staff college began the climb of the professional ladder. Among his appointments at this period were those of Commanding Officer of RAF Abingdon and Principal Staff Officer to the Deputy Supreme Commander at SHAPE in Paris. He was appointed Assistant Commandant at Cranwell in 1965.

Perhaps the decisive point of his career was his being selected later in that year to chair the Programme Evaluation Group at the Ministry of Defence by Mr Denis Healey, Secretary of State of Defence in the Labour Government. This, born of the Secretary of State's frustration with the normally timid policy-making procedures of the regular ministry channels, was in effect a personal cabinet of first class people in the middle of their careers, which Healey had established to give him the best advice of fresh and vigorous minds.

It found no favours with those of the "Buggins turn" mentality and indeed Cameron's acceptance of the post might well have damaged his career once Healey had ceased to be Secretary of State. Nevertheless, being associated by the latter's personal preference with a Minister of intelligence such as Healey gave a certain imprimatur to Cameron's status as an officer of formidable analytical habits of mind, where questions of strategy were concerned.

It was on the nomination of Sir Andrew Humphrey, the Chief of the Defence Staff, that Cameron became Chief of the Air Staff himself in 1976 and when the latter died suddenly in office in the following year, Cameron succeeded him.

As Chief of Defence Staff he made something of a name for himself for his outspokenness, particularly on the matter of the military threat from the Soviet Union – an attitude not always pleasing to his political masters in the Labour government then in office. Thus when on a visit to China he spoke of Russia as being "the common enemy" he was not only vilified as "a drunken bare" in the Soviet press – a bizarre epithet which gave much mileage to Western cartoonists, too, in subsequent days – but was pursued by cries for his resignation from the Labour benches. Mr Fred Mulley, the Defence Secretary is thought to have administered the mildest of rebukes to a man whose qualities he greatly respected.

On another occasion he was quoted in *Areopagus*, the journal of the London Bible College, as saying that Russia was "Anti-Christ" which likewise caused a furore, and his calls for improved pay for servicemen were also embarrassing to the government.

Cameron retired from his post in 1979 but continued to be active, especially through the British Atlantic Committee, in expressing himself on matters of defence strategy. Thus *A Global Strategy to meet the Global Threat: A British initiative* (1981) was a BAC study from a committee chaired by himself, which sounded a warning against the Soviet ability to intervene militarily worldwide. While *Diminishing the Nuclear Threat: Nato's defence and new technology* (1984) was a call for Nato to rely less on nuclear weapons by increasing the effectiveness of precision-guided and target-selecting weapons as vehicles for conventional warheads to offset the Russian superiority in armour. In these matters he was perhaps more in tune with the Conservative government of the day than he had ever been as CAS and CDS under a Labour administration.

Cameron became Principal of King's College London in 1980, initiating his stewardship with a vigorous campaign against proposals to cut the college's courses. He was created a Life Peer as Lord Cameron of Balhousie in 1983.

Over many years he had fought a determined battle against ill health, an affliction disguised by his great energies.

He married, in 1947, Patricia Louise, daughter of Major Edward Asprey. They had a son and a daughter.

CHIC MURRAY

Chic Murray, the Scottish comedian was found dead yesterday at a flat in Edinburgh where he was staying. He was 65 and had been ill for some time.

Murray was born in Greenock and began his working life in the Greenock shipyard. However at 16 he secured a variety spot at the local theatre with his own musical comedy group, known as "Chic and his Chicks", and was soon launched on a career which took him round the variety circuit first in Scotland and subsequently round Britain.

The decisive point in his career was his teaming up with another comedienne and accordion player called Maide, who became his wife in 1945. They formed a bill-topping partnership in the late 1950s and 1960s and appeared together on the 1956 Royal Variety Show

In the latter 1960s he went out of the limelight for a period, making a living from comedy turns in clubs and on cruises. But later on, roles in television in Scotland began to come his way. He had his own comedy show *The Wonderful World of Chic Murray* and in 1981 he played the headmaster in that notable Scottish film *Gregory's Girl*.

Other substantial roles were in the television play *Saigon*, with Judi Dench and last year he was back on stage in Liverpool where he played the former Liverpool football club manager Bill Shankly in the play *You'll Never Walk Alone* at the city's Royal Court Theatre.

At a distinct remove from the typical Scottish comic, Murray was the purveyor of a slightly superior vein of humour which exported well. His marriage ended in divorce in 1974.

MAJOR DEREK WIGAN

Major Derek Wigan, who died in a London hospital on January 26 aged 69, after a recent fall on ice at his home in West Sussex, had been a member of the Jockey Club since 1964. He was formerly chairman of Wigan Richardson International, hop merchants.

A racehorse owner for most of his life Wigan's best horses included Approaching, who won the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup in 1978; Invader, winner of the Imperial Cup in 1964; Votecatcher; Random Leg and Burlington II.

His horses were formerly with Captain Ryan Price but at the time of his death were with Josh Gifford and Bob Champion.

A tireless worker in the cause of racing Wigan was chairman of the Racing and Breeding Advisory Committee which was set up in 1976 to advise foreign countries on how to develop their racing. He played a crucial role in encouraging overseas owners to race their horses in this country.

He was above all an enthusiast whose chief pleasure was derived from watching National Hunt racing. He himself rode nine point-to-point winners between 1935 and 1939. He also acted as a steward at several race courses including Lingfield and Fontwell.

He is survived by his widow Anne, and their three children.

DR FRANK WILD

Sir Derman Christopherson writes:

May I add something to your *obituary notice of Dr Frank* Wild with particular reference to his work as Secretary of the Cambridge University Local Examinations Syndicate?

It is not correct that the proposals now being implemented, to replace the GCE O-level and CSE Examinations by a unified General Certificate of Secondary Education, represent a defeat for the views advanced by Wild on behalf of the Cambridge Syndicate. On the contrary, he was mainly responsible for instituting in 1973, in association with the East Anglian CSE Board, one of the first trial examinations of the new kind.

The essential points of which he was a leading advocate – that the standard of the new examination should be at least equal to that of the old and that the responsibility for determining the higher grades, corresponding to the O-level, should remain with the GCE Boards – are those which the Secretary of State has insisted upon.

It would also be wrong to suggest that Wild was personally responsible for the split between the Oxford Delegacy for Local Examinations and the *syndicate*. He was in reality one of the initiators and advocates of the association between the Cambridge and Oxford Boards and the Southern Board for the purposes of the new GCSE Examination, which the Oxford Delegacy in the end decided not to join.

The contribution which Wild made to the work of the Syndicate overseas, as well as at home, cannot be over-estimated. The aim was always to work towards a situation in which the appropriate authorities in the countries and regions which the Syndicate served would have the expertise needed to maintain the procedures and standards required for worldwise recognition. A number of them have now done so, though in most cases they continue to cooperate closely with Cambridge

Professor F. W. Wagner, Professor of Education at the University of Southampton from 1950 to 1971, died on January 21.

Science report

Sunlight kills weeds treated with new herbicide

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

A new class of herbicide which cause weeds to destroy themselves when exposed to sunlight has been invented by scientists at the University of Illinois.

Apart from the novel mechanism, which has given the substance the name laser herbicide, the compound is believed to be an environmentally safe agent because the active ingredient is an amino acid common to plants and animals.

The discovery comes from previous work that Professor Constantin Rebeiz and Professor Herbert Hopen conducted on the way plants construct the chlorophyll for photosynthesis.

In fact, the active ingredient which causes the destruction of a plant, called delta-aminolevulinic acid, or ALA for short, is a natural building block in the biochemical synthesis of chlorophyll.

The discovery that if this molecule was given unnaturally to a plant the normal growth pattern would be disrupted as described in the magazine *Enzyme and Microbial Technology*.

The term "laser" was adopted because of the way light is used to kill a plant by whats is known as a photodynamic mechanism. Under normal circumstances the ALA is used by plants to make *tetrapyrroles, a group of light-sensitive chemicals which form chlorophyll in the presence of sunlight.*

In addition, when stimulated by energy from the sun, the tetrapyrroles emit photons of radiation in much the same way as materials which produce laser light are stimulated into emission of radiation.

What the scientists did was to take advantage of the inactive period during the night. A substance containing ALA was sprayed before nightfall for the plants to absorb. As well as the amino acid the preparation contained an additive called 2.2 – dipyridyl, which is a chemical activator.

The activator stimulates the conversion of the ALA into new terrapyrroles. By the morning there is a reservoir of these light sensitive chemicals in the plant, creating a powder keg to be ignited when the sun rises.

The escalating chain reaction of biochemical events that occur as the plant tries to get rid of its surplus of tetrapyrroles causes irreversible damage to the cell membranes.

Court of Appeal — Law Report January 30 1985 — Queen's Bench Division

Prosecution's duty in proving perjury

Regina v Millward (Neil)

Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Russell and Mr Justice Kennedy

[Judgment delivered January 25]

On a trial under section 1(1) of the Perjury Act 1911 for giving perjured evidence the prosecution had the burden of proving to the requisite standard (1) that the witness was lawfully sworn as a witness; (2) in a judicial proceeding; (3) that the witness made a statement wilfully, that is to say, deliberately and not inadvertently or by mistake; (4) that the statement was false; (5) that the witness knew it was false or did not believe it to be true; (6) that the statement was, viewed objectively, material to the judicial proceedings – the last requirement being, by virtue of section 1(6) of the 1911 Act a matter to be decided by the judge.

The Lord Chief Justice so stated when delivering the reserved judgment of the court dismissing an appeal by Neil Frederick Millward, aged 25, a former police officer, against his conviction after a change of plea at Stafford Crown Court (Mr Justice Drake and a jury) for perjury at the trial of Manjit Singh and Parshan Singh at Walsall Magistrates' Court on charges relating to driving and production of driving documents. He was sentenced to three months' imprisonment suspended for one year and ordered to *pay £500 towards his* legal aid costs.

Section 1 provides: "(1) If any person lawfully sworn as a witness...in a judicial proceeding wilfully makes a statement material in that proceeding, which he knows to be false or does not believe to be true, he shall be guilty of perjury...

"(6) The question whether a statement...was material is a question of law to be determined by the court of trial".

Mr R. H. Tucker, QC and Mr *Simon S. Brown, assigned* by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Peter Stretton for the Crown.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that the trial judge rejected submissions at the close of the prosecution's case which rendered the appellant's proposed defence ineffective and he changed his plea.

The appellant had had reason to stop a car containing two Indian men. He knew the driver by sight but not name, which the driver gave as Parshan Singh. Driving documents relating to Parshan Singh were not produced then but were produced later at a police station. Parshan Singh was then told by the *appellant that he* was satisfied that Manjit Singh and not Parshan Singh had been the driver and that Manjit Singh had given a false name.

The two Indians duly appeared at the magistrates' court. Manjit Singh *was charged with driving offences* and both were charged with offences connected with the production of driving documents.

While they were waiting outside the court they saw the appellant talking to a constable unconnected with the trial. That constable went over to the Indians and asked to see their driving licences.

The prosecution case depended principally if not entirely on the *appellant's evidence that Manjit not* Parshan was the driver. In cross-examination the appellant admitted talking to the other constable that morning but lied about knowing that the constable had asked to see the driving licences, incidents connected with the request, and about speaking to the appellant afterwards.

When the matter was investigated the appellant eventually admitted the lies and the charges against the two Indians were dropped.

The appellant gave as his reason for enlisting the constable's help a suspicion that the Indians were going to try in some way to deceive the justices by switching identities. *It seemed that there was some* basis for that suspicion. He wanted to be sure who they were saying they were on that particular day. When questioned he panicked, hence the lies.

The submissions at trial were twofold: (1) that there was no prima facie case that the admittedly false statements were made with the requisite guilty mind; and (2) that, in any event, the false statements were not material to the proceedings.

The first submission was that the prosecution had to prove not only that the false statement was made with knowledge of its falsity or lack of belief in its truth, but also that the appellant knew or believed that the *false statement was material in the* proceedings.

Mr Tucker conceded that he had no authority directly bearing on that problem and that it was a point which did not seem to have *occurred to anyone in the past.*

However, that was no reason on its own for rejecting the submission.

As a matter of construction the words of section 1(1) could not properly bear the meaning which counsel sought to ascribe to them.

When setting the standard in the Evidence (Proceedings in Other Jurisdictions) Act 1975, and adding section 1A to the 1911 Act, for those giving evidence otherwise than on oath, Parliament did not recoil from saying that the materiality of the false statement was something which, at least on occasions, could be viewed objectively.

When seeking to discover the intentions of Parliament its use of the word "wilfully" it was perhaps instructive to look at section 1(6).

In their Lordships' judgment the use of the word "wilfully" in section 1(1) required the prosecution to prove no more than that the statement was made deliberately and not inadvertently or by mistake.

Mr Tucker's second submission was that the lying statements were not material in the proceedings *before the justices. He contended* that it was the materiality of the truth, if told, which was the question to be decided and that it was only where the truth, if told, would have affected the justices' decision that the requirement of materiality was satisfied.

He cited a number of decisions which, he conceded and their Lordships agreed, provided examples rather than guidance.

The matter was correctly stated by Lord Campbell, Chief Justice, in *R v Lavey* ((1850) 3 C & K 26, 30): "You can, I think, have no doubt that she was tried at the Central Criminal Court, and on the question, whether what she falsely swore was material or not, you would consider whether her evidence in this respect might not influence the mind of the judge of the county court in believing or disbelieving the other statements *she made in giving her evi*dence...".

Their Lordships did not subscribe to the view that it was the materiality of the truth if told which was in issue, although that *sometimes might help to throw light* on the materiality of the false statement.

It was the statement which was made which had to be material.

Whatever might have been the true reason for the appellant's enlisting the constable to make inquiries, the lies told effectively brought to a halt the line of cross-examination, which undoubtedly went to the heart of the case, namely, the appellant's expressed belief that the driver had been Manjit.

In their Lordships' judgment, in cases under section 1(1) of the 1911 Act, the prosecution had the burden of proving to the requisite standard the following matters: (1) that the witness was lawfully sworn as a witness; (2) in a judicial proceeding; (3) that the witness made a statement wilfully, that is, deliberately *and not inadvertently or by* mistake; (4) that the statement was false; (5) that the witness knew it was false or did not believe it to be true; (6) that the statement was, viewed objectively, material in the judicial proceedings.

The judge's decision was correct and the appeal was dismissed.

Solicitors: Director of Public Prosecutions.

Judge tells lawyers to be diligent

John Samuel (Shipping & Transport) Ltd v Gardiner

If the profession had difficulty in preparing cases for trial they should *not wait until the day of potential* listing before notifying the clerk of the lists.

Mr Justice Caulfield so stated in the Queen's Bench Division on January 23 in standing out a case which was listed for that day and which was the second case in the list in which such an application had been made.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the clerk of the lists was having a great deal of trouble in maintaining the speed of disposal of cases in the *nisi prius* list. The clerk complained that the profession was not keeping in touch with him sufficiently to ensure that judges of the division were fully employed.

That day, because of causes taken out of the list the previous day at the request of the parties, two judges would have very short days. The loss to the public purse was obviously very large.

The previous day four cases were taken out of the list at the request of the parties. Three were taken out between the time of listing and 4.30. The reason for their being taken out was that the parties said they were not ready.

The rate of disposal of work in the Queen's Bench Division had increased in recent times. Everybody, the judges and administrators, were making intense efforts to ensure cases were disposed of as quickly and economically as possible.

His Lordship said that he was telling the profession now – and bluntly – they should keep their eye on the warned list. The list was not the dilatory list of years ago. It had life in it. Once it was in the warned list parties could expect a hearing of the case within a few weeks.

If the profession had difficulties in the preparation of causes for trial they should not wait until the day of potential listing to trouble the clerk of the lists. The list could only be efficient if the profession, chiefly solicitors but it included counsel, were diligent in the preparation of cases.

Vexatious litigant order

Rohrberg v Charkin and Others

Where a vexatious litigant order had been made under section 51 of the Supreme Court of Judicature (Consolidation) Act 1925 (now replaced by section 42 of the Supreme Court Act 1981), no court *had jurisdiction* to discharge that order. The Court of Appeal, however, could entertain an appeal by the litigant limited to the issue whether the order should have been made in the first place.

The Court of Appeal (Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Lloyd and Sir John Megaw) so stated on January 24 dismissing an application by the litigant for leave to appeal from a decision of the Divisional Court on *June 21, 1984, who dismissed* her application to discharge the section 51 order made on March 24, 1975.

Correction

In *Official Custodian for Charities v Mackey (No. 2) (The Times* January 22) instructing solicitor for the fourth and fifth defendants was Mr W. H. Winckworth, Exeter and not Rayner De Wolfe.

Meaning of 'sale'

In re Westminster Property Group plc

The word "sale" in section 174(3A)(b) of the Companies Act, 1948, as amended by section 91(4) of the Companies Act 1981, meant, as in ordinary legislative usage, the exchange of property for cash and not for any other form of property, and the words "the shares are to be sold" in that subsection did not include the exchange of shares for other shares.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Ackner, Lord Justice Slade and Lord Justice Purchas) so held on January 25 in a reserved judgment of the court dismissing an appeal by the applicants from the refusal by Mr Justice Nourse (*The Times*, July 10, 1984; [1984] 1 WLR 1117) to lift restrictions of the *transfer of shares in Westminster* Property Group plc imposed by the Secretary of State for Trade pursuant to section 174(1) of the 1948 Act.

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Television

Divided by birth

Ritual abounds in Ulster but, unfortunately, is not a unifying influence. The highpoint for Protestants is the Twelfth and it was in the two days leading up to it, the day itself, and the day after, that Mike Leigh's film, **Four Days in July** (BBC1) was set.

Mr Leigh's technique requires a great deal from actors and his plots, such as they are, leave themselves open to a wide variety of interpretations. It is his view, apparently, that this film was pro-Republican. As one of its principal characters was a boorish, macho member of the Ulster Defence Regiment while his Republican opposite was a mild, likeable and unfortunate man, it could be taken to be so but it did not strike me as that over-weighted.

The message I received, neither new nor welcome, was of the futility of it all and it was the tragic injury to ordinary humanity which showed through.

The film followed two families, headed by the heroes mentioned above, on either side of the divide. The wives of both men are pregnant. It seemed predictable early on that they would come to their time together and so they did, on the Twelfth. They were side by side in the maternity ward; their husbands juxtaposed in the waiting room.

After their labour, the women seemed to have initial rapport. One saw it dissipate when they exchanged the tell-tale names of their babies. In the waiting-room rapport never seemed possible, the burden for that falling on the UDR man.

He was soundly played in his unattractive cast by Charles Lawson. Des McAleer was his Catholic opposite. He did brilliantly, sustaining minute attention by the camera while manifesting the patience of a man whose has been shot twice, *once by intent, once accidentally*, and who is hobbling about on crutches, conditioned to ill-luck.

Their wives were played by Paula Hamilton and Brid Brennan respectively. The latter was superb. It was a film full of acute observation, sad humour, and ultimately, for the newborn, sad prospects. I thought Mr Leigh deserved his 95 minutes' indulgence. I have seen far more active plays say less. Kenith Trodd produced.

Dennis Hackett

Galleries

Fresh view of an old master

Renoir
Hayward Gallery

But what do you critics do, they all ask, when you have to write about a painter you are thoroughly *prejudiced against*? How do you manage to be *objective?* I have never liked Renoir since I saw the big show the Arts Council helped to arrange at the Edinburgh Festival in 1953, where I was surprised by the degree to which I was turned off (in the same way that, the next year, I was surprised by the degree to which I was turned on by Cézanne). I felt then that Renoir was coarse, sentimental and lacking in the sheer brainwork which must go to make a major painter: a handful of paintings that no one could wholly dislike or disregard did not make any noticeable difference.

So here we are, more than 30 years later, with another show put on by the Arts Council, this time with the sponsorship of IBM, at the Hayward Gallery, until April 21. A lot more paintings – apparently 126, though appearances are deceptive, as against 46 – and at quite a different point in the tide of time, art history and taste. Whether or not my dislike constitutes a prejudice, am I now able to demonstrate my "objectivity" by approaching nearer to the (what sometimes seems to be) universal delight occasioned by Renoir's chocolate-box colours, his vast and porcine nudes, his haphazard way with composition?

Where those are concerned, no. It still seems to me that Renoir suffers from all these faults, and that there are more practically unbearable paintings in this show than one might expect to see in a comparable show of any other master generally and now for nearly a century regarded as great. But what the show does achieve – even more important than showing us a few undoubtedly good Renoirs among the bad – is to show us that there are different Renoirs, other painters coexistent with the painter we think we know. And to convince us, often, that they are far more appealing than the sloppy sensualist we are most familiar with.

We are put on our mettle as soon as we enter the first room. There on the left, number one in the catalogue, is the very early *Portrait of Mademoiselle Romaine Lacaux* of 1864: a little girl in grey and white, sitting very correct and upright, self-consciously grown-up in her earrings, which echo the colour of the flowers in her lap. She is not a "Renoir type", and does not look anything like the numerous indistinguishable Renoir children in the later works; she is painted crisply, almost primly, rather as Fantin-Latour might have seen her; the picture is totally unsentimental. And as we go round the room that first happy surprise is repeated, with variations: the pictures of *Frederic Bazille at his Easel* is also a harmony in grey; the two paintings which toy with Japonaiserie and feature similar oriental fans have acquired also an oriental exactitude of composition; the nudes are monumental rather than monstrous.

So this is the early work, which we might expect to be unexpected. But what happens when Renoir reaches the height of his powers, around the mid-1870s? Here, unfortunately, we encounter a different sort of problem. On the cover of the catalogue is a detail from the *Ball at the Moulin de la Galette*, and as we flick through we glimpse such other justly famous works as the *Luncheon of the Boating Party* (as distinct from the contemporary *Rowers' lunch*) and the *Grenouillère* from Stockholm. But actually to see them we have to wait till the show arrives in Paris, which seems a bit, mean: there are some warranted masterpieces, like *La loge*, the *Pont Neuf* and *The Umbrellas*, but such a once-in-a-lifetime affair should have more of the paintings that everybody expects to see there.

In compensation, however, there are a surprising number of paintings which are not familiar, and show Renoir throughout his middle years experimenting with other styles and other directions, and proving that he can do quite unexpected things very well.

We do not, for example, think of him much as a painter of men, but several of the portraits here are amazingly acute and fresh: the beautifully sober and perceptive double portrait of two of Durand-Ruel's sons, for instance, painted in the open air and evincing exactly that mixture of wistful uncertainty and just plain boredom that young adults in such a situation must feel; or the later portrait of one Monsieur Germain, a dandyish and rather insecure young man who looks as if he is waiting to grow into his moustache; or even the very familiar and absolutely undisappointing portrait of Vollard holding a Maillol statuette (which, interestingly enough, the cataloguer does not like, dismissing it as "one of the least acute [of Vollard portraits] either as a record of physiognomy or as an evocation of character"). One cannot help wondering if it did not assist Renoir to be painting men and so remain unaffected by either sentimentality or lubricity.

Other paintings which hint appealingly at ways Renoir might have taken but chose not to are *Children's Afternoon at Wargemont*, a family group painted in a light, flat style that verges on the knowingly primitive (1884), and the astounding landscape *La Roche-Guyon*, of about the same time, with its violent acid greens and its rich, tight application of paint which at once suggests Gauguin. A painting aberrant in less agreeable ways is the late *Judgment of Paris* from Hiroshima (c.1913-14), a richly absurd piece of neo-classicism which now looks like a bold anticipation of *pittura colta* at its most kitschy. But like them or not, who would have thought the man, incorrigibly consistent as he mostly was, could have had so many alternative possibilities lurking inside him, ready to break out at least once or twice?

If you naturally share my reservations about Renoir, these new aspects will not make you change your mind, but they will probably make you respect him more, or just find him more interesting. And of course if you love Renoir anyhow, all this soul-searching will seem completely irrelevant: you will need no telling to do the best thing possible, which is simply to go and enjoy.

John Russell Taylor





Different faces: Detail from *Luncheon of the Boating Party*, and the crisp, unsentimental *Portrait of Mademoiselle Romaine Lacaux*

Concerts

Alicia de Larrocha
St John's/Radio 3

Lunchtime at St John's Smith Square on Monday offered an Iberian sandwich, and who better to serve it than Alicia de Larrocha? Her grace and sensitivity – undimmed as, incredibly, she approaches her sixth decade of public performances – still shine most brightly when she is interpreting her compatriots' music.

But what is this "Spanishness" that welds this pianist so naturally to her cherished composers? A composite quality, perhaps. In three Soler sonatas it was a fiery impulsiveness that was uppermost, most obviously in her brilliantly varied treatment of the ubiquitous long trills. Sometimes these were drilled through the texture with needle-sharp clarity; elsewhere they were faded away with delicious wittiness.

It is not too fanciful to hear this same national characteristic – a profuse melodic inventiveness anchored by the proud rhythmic stamp of some Spanish dance rhythm – carried over the centuries to the Albéniz and Oscar Esplá pieces that Miss Larrocha played. In Esplá's 1949 Sonata Española dance metres are never far away, though they are contrasted with long, wayward melodies which float over impressionistic washes of arpeggios, before more agressive dance elements assert themselves in the exuberant cascades and clusters of the magnificent finale.

This finale inspired the diminutive pianist to a virtuosic display of technique. Even at its most pyrotechnic, however, her musicianship was simultaneously working on a deeper level, alive to opportunities for subtle tonal shading or an apt and lyrical use of rubato. And it was this deeper musicianship that was most required in Federico Mompou's contemplative *Musica Callada*, Book 4 – where the notes are few but each bears an exquisite weight of feeling.

Richard Morrison

Polish NRSO/Wit
Barbican

The audience was small: but the welcome was large for the Polish National Radio Symphony Orchestra, making its first apearance in Britain since 1981. It is not easily memorable for any outstanding section or style – and so much the better. It makes its mark, rather, by a secure balance of distinctive solo voices (the trumpet's opening fanfare and vivid catacomb light in *Pictures at an Exhibition*); and sternly schooled ensemble (the lashing string articulation in Glinka's *Russlan and Ludmilla* Overture).

The orchestra's director, Antoni Wit, is a champion of Lutoslawski, Szymanowski, and, not least, Penderecki, whose *Awakening of Jacob* he brought with him on Monday night. It is, after the Auschwitz *Dies Irae* and the *Luke Passion*, a slender, humble work. This is not the mighty affirmation and promise of the Lord God of Israel, but, as the work's full title makes clear, the still, small voice of the subsequent epiphany: "Surely the Lord is in this place: and I knew it not".

It is as well to know the scenario, for there is little else besides. The tone row contained in the opening brass chords is distributed through its chamber-musical groupings to one clearly-defined, lucidly achieved, and hyper-romantic end. Sonorities are as sparse and delicately balanced as the movement of breath: ocarinas create their framing mirages; each meeting of instrumental groups (there is never a tutti as such) draws the work upwards to its centre; each long glissando of shuddering celli or wailing piccolos sucks it down again. The inventive substance is slight; the suggestive idea is all; and its aural representation soon evaporates into the desert air.

Hilary Finch

Caroline Moorehead talks to Carlo Gébler about his first novel

Like mother, like father, like son

"I was sitting on the stairs in the hall, on the day we moved from Wicklow to Dublin, looking at the coloured glass over the fanlight. Blue, green, red, yellow, violet. I *knew* I was going to do something with pictures." Carlo Gébler was two at the time. That certainty, and a similar one that he would write fiction, have not failed him. A graduate of the National Film School and director of several feature and documentary films, his first novel *The Eleventh Summer* appears tomorrow. It's not something he finds surprising. "I think most children have the feeling quite early about what their souls are going to turn out like. How they will develop. Whether life will be fair to them or not."

To the outside eye, life has been fair to Carlo Gébler. He is the son of Edna O'Brien. He grew up in Dublin, and later London. When his parents parted, he and his brother spent time with both. Each summer came the "obligatory holidays with my Irish grandparents". He corrects himself: "That implies a penance, which it wasn't. Statutory." Carlo Gébler's manner is solid, deliberate. For the photographer he exchanged a brown patterned sweater, which had given him a student air, for a dark blue jacket, his favourite jacket. Below it were dark blue trousers, and highly polished lace-up black shoes. He now became an affable young businessman. He is 30, with short, neat, curly hair and pale green eyes.

He is not immediately easy to talk to. If you ask the right question, it is like pressing a winning button: a rounded, considered answer is offered, in words selected with attention. If you don't, the sequence is disconcerting. Had he written anything before? "Yes". What was it? "An autobiographical novel." Where was it? "It lives in a bottom drawer." Was he going to do anything with it? "It will go on living there." And so on.

York University, where he read English, was not a success. He liked neither the campus nor the city, found few friends and discovered that while having to produce essays with logical arguments he couldn't write his fiction. Did he stick it out? "Absolutely." He gave a small smile. "Like everyone else I knew that unless I got my BA I wouldn't have an American Express card, a Volvo and 2.8 children."

The National Film School, by contrast, gave him everything he had missed. He had the good time that students are supposed to have. And he started writing scripts. When he left, in 1979, he was asked to make a documentary for Channel 4.

It was during the doldrum months that followed the first post graduation burst of work that he was sent to take some photographs of an Irish family, four people in their forties who had been adopted as babies and grew up in separate homes never knowing of each other's existence until a friend brought them together. Carlo Gébler was there the day they met.

"There was something in the way they spoke to each other. Their voices. It brought back smells, sensations, tastes." Out of the day came what started as a short story about a boy and his grandfather. "Then, as I was doing it, I thought: 'hang on; this isn't the end of the tunnel; I've just stepped into it' " Why, since Carlo Gébler had spent so much of his life in Ireland was this encounter so different? "It's a mystery. Perhaps because they didn't know me. All day long they had an intense self revelatory conversation at which I was a privileged eavesdropper." *The Eleventh Summer* took a "symbolic nine months." He is now well into a new book, about a Pole living in London. "At least, that's what it's about today."

His father is also a novelist. A family of writers: has it weighed on him? "As children we were aware that my mother was a writer, in the same way that we knew our address. But she was the person who fed us and bought us comics. The sense of her as a mother was prevailing and dominant; the sense of her as a creator not strong." It follows that Carlo Gébler has not read his mother's novels, except for *Girls in their Married Bliss* – he had a little trouble recalling the title – and that was only because she wanted advice about the film script. He feels the decision not to is the right one, because it avoids all risk of unconscious plagiarism. "Someone close to you is bound to draw on the same experience. You could plagiarise without being aware." He feels that, in any case, simply by being around them, he picked up the content of his parents' novels.

Four years ago, on Christmas Day, he took a lease on a top floor flat in a heavy Victorian house in Maida Vale. He has now bought it. Long windows in the sitting room look out over a triangular communal garden, of impeccable neatness. It is here that, when not with friends in Dublin, he spends his time. "I'm quite idle really. I read a lot of novels. I learn ballads, proper Irish ones. I suppose I probably go out a great deal. I have a lot of friends, really a lot." And it is here that he writes. Writing, he says, is essential if you are going to make films. You need something private if you're going in for such a social and public activity. It's also useful. "If you go to a producer and he asks you what you're doing, if you can say you write, it separates you from all the other hungry film makers." But that's not why he really writes. "The reason is, one is obliged to. One prefers to."

The Eleventh Summer *is published tomorrow by Hamish Hamilton, price £8.95.*

John Voos



Carlo Gébler: 'One is obliged to write'

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100⅛	85⅛	Exch	10¼%	1995	89⅛	+1	11.453	12.047
118	102⅛	Treas	12¾%	1995	106⅛	+1	12.278	12.095
124⅛	108⅛	Treas	14%	1996	110⅛	+1	12.681	12.284
94⅛	83⅛	Treas	9%	1992-96	87⅛	+1	10.663	11.554
135⅛	118⅛	Treas	15¼%	1996	121⅛	+1	12.602	12.221
122⅛	106⅛	Exch	13¼%	1996	110⅛	+1	12.312	12.002
121⅛	104⅛	Treas	13¼%	1997	108⅛	+1	12.273	11.981
104⅛	87⅛	Exch	10½%	1997	90⅛	●+1	11.474	11.844
92⅛	77⅛	Treas	8¾%	1997	80⅛	●+1	10.724	11.559
134⅛	117⅛	Exch	15%	1997	121⅛	+1	12.715	12.179
98⅛	84⅛	Exch	9¾%	1998	87⅛	+1	11.133	11.627
94⅛	87	Exch 'A'	9¾%	1998	88⅛	+1	11.139	11.620
78⅛	68	Treas	6¾%	1995-98	71⅛	+1	9.700	11.212
135⅛	123⅛	Treas	15½%	1998	128⅛	+1	12.582	11.999
114⅛	98⅛	Exch	12%	1998	103⅛	+1	11.847	11.803
97⅛	84	Treas	9½%	1999	85⅛	+1	10.985	11.462
116⅛	103⅛	Exch	12¼%	1999	107⅛	+1	11.833	11.736
104⅛	90⅛	Treas	10½%	1999	95	+1	11.299	11.522
102⅛	88⅛	Conv	10¼%	1999	93	+1	11.256	11.517
OVER FIFTEEN YEARS								
129⅛	105⅛	Treas	13%	2000	109⅛	+1	11.907	11.707
128⅛	111⅛	Treas	14%	1998-01	116⅛	+1	12.337	11.953
115	98	Exch	12%	1999-02	102⅛	+1	11.766	11.707
105⅛	89⅛	Conv	10%	2002	93⅛	+1	11.009	11.211
128⅛	110⅛	Treas	13¾%	2000-03	114⅛	+1	12.015	11.716
115	100⅛	Treas	11½%	2001-04	105⅛	+1	11.365	11.341
51⅛	43⅛	Fund	3½%	1999-04	46⅛	+1	7.572	9.699
40⅛	36⅛	Exch	10½%	2005	37⅛	+1	10.973	11.029
129⅛	107⅛	Treas	12½%	2003-05	111⅛	+1	11.470	11.331
87⅛	79⅛	Treas	8%	2002-06	79⅛	+1	10.381	10.747
117⅛	99⅛	Treas	11¾%	2003-07	103⅛	+1	11.381	11.323
132⅛	116⅛	Treas	13½%	2004-08	121⅛	+1	11.567	11.345
64⅛	55	Treas	5½%	2008-12	59	+1	9.573	10.201
85⅛	72⅛	Treas	7¾%	2012-15	75⅛	+1	10.294	10.463
124⅛	108⅛	Exch	12%	2013-17	112⅛	+⅛	10.846	10.791
UNDATED								
41⅛	36	Consols	4%		37⅛	●+⅛	10.732	10.732
37⅛	32⅛	War Ln	3½%		33⅛	+⅛	10.550	10.550
45⅛	40⅛	Conv	3½%		41⅛	..	8.623	8.623
31⅛	27⅛	Treas	3%		28⅛	..	10.748	10.748
25⅛	22⅛	Consols	2½%		23⅛	..	10.603	10.743
25⅛	23	Treas	2½%		24⅛	..	10.731	10.731
INDEX-LINKED								
109	100⅛	Treas IL	2%	1988	108	+⅛	1.887	5.327
95⅛	85	Treas IL	2%	1990	92	+⅛	2.174	4.845
111⅛	98⅛	Treas IL	2%	1996	109	+⅛	1.847	3.829
102	88⅛	Treas IL	2½%	2001	98⅛	+⅛	2.561	3.591
100⅛	87⅛	Treas IL	2½%	2003	97⅛	+⅛	2.577	3.515
104⅛	90⅛	Treas IL	2%	2006	100⅛	+⅛	1.991	3.450
100⅛	87⅛	Treas IL	2½%	2009	97⅛	+⅛	2.577	3.321
105⅛	91⅛	Treas IL	2½%	2011	101⅛	●+⅛	2.459	3.332
97⅛	82⅛	Treas IL	2½%	2016	92⅛	+⅛	2.711	3.287
95⅛	81⅛	Treas IL	2½%	2020	91⅛	+⅛	2.743	3.282

BREWERIES

1984/85 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
190	138	Allied-Lyons	175	● -6	10.0	5.7	10.2
519	300	Bass	432	● -17	18.4	3.7	12.3
176	130	Bell (Arthur)	161	..	6.9	4.3	8.9
44	38	Belhaven	38	-1	0.5	1.3	19.4
98	70	Boddingtons	77	..	3.9	5.1	11.2
318	209	Brown (Matthew)	272	● -3	11.7	4.3	13.7
253	129	Bulmer (H P)	144	● -3	7.0	4.9	6.8
469	323	Clark (Matthew)	455	..	17.1	3.7	13.0
550	332	Devenish (J A)	535	-5	18.4	3.1	15.6
321	244	Distillers	292	● -19	19.5	6.7	8.3
435	280	Forshaws Burton	425	● -10	13.0b	3.1	11.3
187	118	Greenall Whitley	179	● -4	8.4	3.6	12.5
190	140	Greene King	160	● -3	6.4	4.0	12.9
245	116	Guinness (A)	225	● -5	9.2	4.1	10.2
354	277	Hardys & Hansons	349	● -3	21.3	6.1	11.5
68	53	Highland Distil	62	-1	2.5	4.0	15.2
164	124	Invergordon Distil	127	..	5.7	4.5	10.3
175	128	Irish Distil	155	..	6.0	3.9	..
68	49	Marston Thompson	50	-1	2.5	4.3	12.8
197	169	Morland	187	● ..	8.2	4.4	11.4
453	246	SA Breweries	263	..	..	..	..
147¼	98½	Scot & New	139	● -4	7.9	5.7	10.4
35⅝	22	Seagram	£35⅝	-¼	..	..	..
..	..	Tomatin Distil	..	f ..	..	..	..
293	202	Vaux	273	● -5	14.4	5.3	11.0
228	128	Whitbread 'A'	210	-5	9.2	4.4	10.9
227	127	Do 'B'	212	-3	9.2	4.3	11.1
185	138	Whitbread Inv	175	-2	8.8	5.0	28.8
298	204	Wolverhamptn & D	296	-2	10.9	3.7	12.8
280	225	Young 'A'	330	-5	8.8	3.7	20.7

BANKS DISCOUNT HP

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
179	120	Allied Irish	136	+3	9.0	6.6	..
101	71	Ansbacher (Henry)	76	-2	5.0b	6.6	45.8
353	243	Aus New Z	343	..	28.0	8.2	..
17⅛	10⅛	Bankamerica	£17⅛	-⅛	..	..	..
332	225	Bank Of Ireland	297	+7	17.0b	6.4	..
13½	7⅛	Bank Leumi Israel	£13⅛	..	..	..	..
245	155	Bank Leumi UK	215	..	14.5	6.7	13.5
453	293	Bank Of Scotland	472	..	29.7	4.4	6.7
624	434	Barclays	607	-15	35.7	5.9	7.2
445	300	Brown Shipley	425	..	12.1	3.0	18.9
563	403	Cater Allen	473	-15	41.3	8.7	8.5
31	21½	Cattles	25½	+½	2.0	8.0	9.1
116	101	Chart J Rthschild	103	..	6.4	6.2	12.6
47⅛	28½	Chase Manhattan	£45½	● -1⅛	394	8.0	..
39⅛	19⅛	Citicorp	£38⅛	● -⅛	205	5.3	..
73	45	Clive	61	-2	5.1	8.4	11.1
48⅛	38	Commerzbank	£40⅛	-¼	6.0	0.1	..
114⅛	81¼	Deutsche Bank	£111½	-1⅛	130	10.8	..
91	62	First Nat Finance	85	-3	..	..	6.0
349	280	Gerrard Nat	312	-12	17.1	5.5	9.2
74	45	Guinness Peat	68	● -3	2.0	2.9	16.7
183	121	Hambros	163	-5	9.0	5.5	17.1
16	9	Do (50p)	£15	..	88.8	6.0	15.7
363	235	Hill Samuel	321	-7	15.4	4.8	9.1
109½	48½	HK Shanghai	100	-3	..	..	..
313	228	Joseph (Leopold)	263	-5	16.1	6.1	13.8
178	124	King & Shaxson	158	-2	11.8	7.5	13.4
468	320	Kleinwort Benson	440	-5	17.8	4.1	11.1
594	422	Lloyds	549	-3	34.9	6.3	4.8
65	46	Lon Scot Fin	64	● ..	4.0	6.3	9.8
42	22	Manson	22	-1	1.4	6.5	8.8
503	408	Mercury Secs	468	-10	16.4	3.5	9.8
429	277	Midland	334	-10	36.4	10.9	5.5
270	193	Nat Aust Bk	270	..	..	..	..
657	420	Nat West	649	-5	36.2	5.6	5.1
72	57	Ottoman	£71	+½	450	6.3	10.8
209	144	Provident	198	-10	13.6	6.9	8.4
100	72½	Rea Bros	78	..	1.8	2.3	25.2
21¼	14	Royl Bnk Of Can	£21¼	● ..	..	..	..
254	226	Royl Bnk Of Scot	242	-2	12.1	5.0	8.6
808	625	Schroders	793	..	23.6	3.0	13.3
370	260	Secombe M	310	-10	28.6	9.2	10.2
71	48	South St Aubyn	61	-2	6.4	10.5	5.6
579	442	Stand Chart	497	-15	40.0	8.0	6.9
783	612	Union	683	-15	48.6	7.1	11.2
64	42	Wagon	60	-2	3.9	6.6	18.2
47	23½	Wells Fargo	£46¼	-½	..	..	..
260	195	Wintrust	255	-5	6.1	2.4	17.2

BUILDING AND ROADS

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
202	156	Aberdeen Constr	194	-2	9.4	4.9	9.8
282	185	Amec	253	-2	15.0	5.9	10.3
76	38	Amcliffe	48	..	..	..	7.1
94	79½	Atwoods	90	● ..	5.0	5.6	25.4
338	238	BPB Industries	253	-3	10.4	4.1	9.0
218	122	Baggeridge Brick	218	● ..	8.9	4.1	9.3
188	72	Barratt Devs	73	-4	10.9	15.1	4.8
45	27	Bailey (Ben) Constr	28	..	2.6	9.2	5.6
..	..	Beechwood	..	f ..	..	..	..
164	116	Bellway	129	-2	10.0	7.8	8.9
76	53	Benford Concrete	65	-3	5.4	8.2	14.8
64	43	Bett Bros	60	..	4.4	7.4	8.0
603	346	Blockleys	570	..	30.0	5.3	14.8
520	358	Blue Circle	485	-13	27.1	5.6	8.1
218	182	Breedon&Cloud Hill	208	..	12.0	5.8	18.4
89	46	Brickhouse Dudley	66	● -2	4.6	6.9	17.7
71	47	Br Dredging	59	..	2.9	4.9	13.3
23	16	Brown&Jackson	18	-1	..	..	..
71	57	Brownlee	67	..	5.2	7.8	7.1
77	50	Bryant	72	-1	4.3	6.0	7.9
220	125	Burnett & Hallam	170	..	12.5	7.4	18.5
150	145	Cakebread Robey	145	..	4.3	3.0	19.8
88	49	Carr (J) Doncaster	56	-3	2.1	3.7	8.5
59½	47	Cement-Roadstone	57	..	1.0	1.8	..
64	42	Condor Int	42	..	1.1	2.6	..
380	234	Costain	358	-6	20.0	5.6	8.6
240	174	Countryside	214	-4	7.2	3.4	8.2
96	66	Crouch (Derek)	90	-2	7.2	8.0	50.0
..	..	Crouch Group	..	f ..	..	..	..
108	48	Dew (George)	66	-6	8.1	12.3	9.0
68	52	Douglas (RM)	52	..	2.5	4.8	37.1
83	64	Erith	65	..	4.1	6.4	10.3
120	95	Feb	108	..	3.9	3.6	12.4
118	82	Do 'A'	84	..	3.9	4.6	9.7
107	71	Finlan (John)	88	..	6.0b	6.8	42.3
154	110	French Kier	134	..	8.1	6.1	7.8
71	37	Galliford	67	..	5.7	8.5	10.4
110	105	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	105	..	2.0	1.9	46.5
238	163	Gleeson (MJ)	228	● -2	7.1	3.1	10.8
123	95	HAT	97	● -1	4.9	5.1	10.9
53	18	Helical Bar	28	-1	..	..	5.7
41	30	Hewden-Stuart	38	..	2.0	5.5	8.6
161	103	Heywood Williams	114	-3	8.6	7.5	4.8
330	230	Higgs & Hill	286	-7	16.4	5.7	8.1
155	110	IDC	155	+4	9.9	6.4	15.7
263	162	Ibstock Johnsen	263	-5	8.9	3.4	17.4
308	220	Jarvis (J) & Sons	288	..	25.0	8.7	9.9
229	137	Laing (J)	208	-4	7.9	3.8	7.6
229	136	Do 'A'	207	-4	7.9	3.8	7.7
244	196	Lawrence (Walter)	216	..	14.6	6.8	4.8
181	128	Leech (William)	177	● ..	5.7	3.2	18.0
91	60	Lilley (FJC)	64	..	5.2	8.1	5.9
220	158	Lovell (YJ)	202	● ..	8.6	4.2	7.8
180	104	Magnet & South	110	● -2	6.7	6.1	7.9
179	143	Manders	172	+1	10.0	5.8	8.7
270	185	Marchwiel	258	..	13.6	5.3	8.5
233	169	Marshalls (Halifax)	226	● ..	11.4	5.1	7.9
100	69	May & Hassell	90	● -1	5.8	6.6	3.5
158	89	Meyer Int	115	● ..	7.0	6.0	6.1
28	15	Miller (Stanley)	16	-1	..	..	..
136	105	Monk (A)	123	● -1	9.3	7.6	5.7
234	184	Mowlem (John)	216	● -2	16.0	7.4	8.6
650	475	Newarthill	630	-10	14.3	2.3	13.3
153	104	Nottingham Brick	150	r -3	7.1	4.5	14.9
725	425	Pearce (CH) Sons	650	..	8.9	1.4	12.9
146	84	Phoenix Timber	130	● ..	5.7	4.4	4.9
250	190	Pochins	200	..	17.0	8.5	4.5
478	330	RMC	378	-4	17.8	4.8	9.6
316	220	Redland	277	-6	13.9	5.0	11.1
150	103	Roberts Adlard	111	..	8.6	7.7	10.1
38	27	Rowlinson Secs	33	..	0.9	2.8	6.4
281	190	Ruberoid	210	..	10.4	5.0	8.6
140	95	Rugby Cement	129½	-3½	8.6	6.6	11.5
168	112	SGB	153	..	9.0	5.7	8.6
71	57	Sharpe & Fisher	64	..	3.0	4.7	10.1
73	47	Smart (J)	62	-1	5.6	9.1	12.7
528	405	Tarmac	486	-8	20.0	4.1	12.8
378	285	Taylor Woodrow	355	-10	17.5	4.9	10.7
134	80	Tilbury Group	126	..	8.4	5.1	10.3
376	258	Travis & Arnold	260	..	10.1	3.9	9.8
102	86	Trent	99	+1	1.3	1.3	13.6
330	185	Turriff	325	-3	10.0	3.1	8.1
167	125½	UBM	140	-1	10.0	7.1	16.0
171	120	Vibroplant	145	-3	12.6b	8.7	15.0
154	63	Ward	129	-1	8.0	6.2	7.5
148	55	Do Dfd	128	..	..	..	7.4
104	78	Warrington (T)	78	..	8.8	11.3	8.9
210	162	Watts Blake	210	..	6.1	2.9	17.8
88	62	Wettern Bros	70	-2	..	..	13.5
84	33	Wiggins	38	..	..	..	..
200	156	Wilson (Connolly)	190	-4	3.7	2.0	10.1
180	95	Wimpey (George)	105	-4	4.4	4.2	8.0

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
27½	18¼	AKZO N/V Bearer	£25¼	-½	400b	15.6	..
256	148½	Allied Colloids	238	● -2	3.0	1.3	27.3
357	203	Amersham	354	-1	7.6	2.1	21.6
208	85	Anchor Chemical	205	..	5.0	2.4	18.9
82	43	Arrow Chemicals	68	..	2.4	3.6	11.7
54½	36¼	Bayer DM50	£53¼	-½	700	13.1	..
138	104	Blagden	126	-4	10.0	7.9	12.2
118	84	Brent Chems	116	..	4.2	3.6	21.3
17⅝	9½	Br Benzol	12	-½	..	..	..
91	61	Br Tar Products	81	● ..	5.0	6.2	12.4
122	77	Canning (W)	91	..	4.5	5.1	13.3
235	151	Coalite	229	● -5	8.4	3.7	10.6
189	85	Coates Bros	178	-2	6.0a	3.4	12.9
168	70	Do 'A'	156	-4	6.0a	3.8	10.5
38	21	Cory (Horace)	33½	-1	2.3	6.8	18.7
146	92	Croda	134	-6	10.0	7.5	16.1
101	52	Do Dfd	96	-4	..	..	11.5
240	158	Ellis & Everard	238	..	9.3	3.9	22.0
109	60	Halstead (James)	72	..	5.0	6.9	7.2
460	336	Hickson	433	-12	14.3	3.3	11.9
53½	35	Hoechst DM50	£51½	-½	..	..	..
838	530	Imp Chem Ind	817	-5	37.1	4.5	13.2
428	234	Laporte	415	-5	10.8	2.6	23.5
113	61	Leigh	99	-4	3.2	3.2	27.3
241	187	Plysu	218	● -2	4.1	1.9	18.3
168	119	Rentokil	167	..	2.8	1.7	28.5
114	53	SNIA BPD	114	+4	..	..	..
115	88	Stewart Plastic	90	● -1	3.6	4.0	13.2
246	120	Wolstenholme Rink	248	..	9.6	3.9	14.5
72	38	Yorkshire Chem	68	-1	1.8a	2.6	20.8

CINEMAS AND TV

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
195	153	Anglia TV 'A'	154	+1	11.4	7.4	10.6
114	68	Grampian	86	..	5.6	7.6	5.5
159	99	HTV N/V	133	+1	10.0	7.5	8.4
301	182	LWT 'A'	267	-1	20.6	7.7	8.0
190	104	Scot TV 'A'	154	..	11.9	7.7	7.2
159	79	TVS N/V	139	+1	8.6	6.2	10.3
37	24	TSW	29½	..	2.1	7.3	7.4

DRAPERY AND STORES

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
430	282	ASR	370	..	8.3	2.2	8.1
55	32	Aquascutum 'A'	53	-1	2.9	5.5	31.4
116	88	Beattie (James) 'A'	116	..	4.9	4.2	11.9
81	40	Bentalls	72	-1	2.5	3.5	20.0
62	40	Bremner	50	+2	3.6	7.1	37.3
261	181	Br Home Stores	245	-6	8.6	3.5	15.4
240	150	Brown (N)	240	● ..	11.4	4.8	14.6
474	217	Burton	444	● -17	9.3	2.1	22.5
..	..	Caird (A) &Sons	..	f ..	0.7	..	..
78	59	Cantors 'A'	68	-2	2.9	4.2	5.9
50	28	Casket (S)	38	-1	2.7	7.0	8.7
525	233	Church	525	..	15.7	3.0	15.5
97	47	Combined English	88	-2	5.7	6.4	16.4
140	89	Courts (Furn) 'A'	95	-4	6.7	7.1	5.6
222	141	Debenhams	198	-4	11.1	5.6	12.2
115	82	Dewhirst (IJ)	83	-1	1.4	1.7	17.1
597	422	Dixons	554	● -20	8.6b	1.5	18.8
298	80	Dunhill	286	-2	4.4	1.5	18.8
89½	34¼	Ellis & Goldstein	75½	-½	3.3	4.4	12.4
390	260	Elys (Wimbledon)	390	..	10.7	2.7	19.3
114	68	Empire Stores	102	-4	1.8	1.8	25.8
149	113	Etam	130	-2	3.8	2.9	22.0
48	27	Executex Clothes	30	..	..	..	3.5
83	47	Fine Art Dev	76	-2	4.3	5.6	23.9
31	22	Ford (Martin)	29	-1	..	..	..
175	138	Formminster	146	● ..	7.9	5.4	7.8
152	102	Foster Bros	112	..	5.7	5.1	12.2
194	86	Freemans	164	-6	6.8	4.1	11.4
87	77	Geller (AJ)	86	..	7.0	8.1	9.1
210	138	Gent SR	148	+2	4.3	2.9	9.9
102	50	Goldberg (A)	52	● ..	2.9	5.6	7.3
219	189	Goldsmith Gp	199	-9	..	..	..
178	64	Gratton	180	-10	2.9	1.6	22.9
50	31	Greenfield Blacks	47	-1	..	..	..
747	485	GUS	707	● -22	22.9	3.2	13.2
737	480	Do 'A'	694	● -23	22.9	3.3	13.0
404	352	Habitat Mothercare	358	● -10	9.3	2.6	22.9
234	128	Harris Queensway	130	-10	5.2	2.7	14.9
29½	18½	Helene Of London	24	-1	2.1	8.8	11.7
191	70	Hepworth (J)	156	■ -8	3.7	2.4	23.6
30	22	Hollas	22	● -3	2.9	13.0	9.7
284	117	Home Charm	272	-4	3.2	1.2	33.0
338	218	House Of Fraser	326	-2	12.5	3.8	17.3
145	92	House Of Lerose	124	-1	11.4	9.2	7.8
88	68	Jones (Ernest)	78	+2	5.6	7.1	21.1
54	23	Ladies Pride	28½	-1	3.6	12.5	21.1
151	100	Lee Cooper	106	-4	5.3	5.0	4.5
450	144	Liberty	450	..	6.7	1.5	41.9
165	83	Lincroft Kilgour	165	..	7.9	5.1	8.1
137	100	Marks & Spencer	122	-7	4.5	3.7	18.3
251	153	Menzies (John)	221	-15	4.5	2.0	13.7
277	128	MFI	219	-10	7.0	3.2	18.3
143	116	Milletts Leisure	118	..	9.9	8.4	31.6
364	192	Moss Bros	310	..	8.1	2.6	25.4
124	70	NSS Newsagents	96	● -6	4.7	4.9	11.3
355	285	Oliver (G)	355	..	10.2	2.9	11.6
188	126	Owen Owen	180	-3	4.7	2.6	19.6
100	83	Peters Stores	90	-1	2.9	3.2	43.1
138	71	Preedy (Alfred)	106	● -2	5.4	5.1	19.4
58	38	Ratners (Jewellers)	49	● -2	3.3b	6.7	22.1
32	18	Raybeck	24	-2	0.7a	3.0	..
44½	18	Readicut	27½	-½	1.7	6.2	8.2
168	105	Reed (Austin)	160	-2	5.7	3.6	18.5
113	84	Do 'A'	97	-4	5.7	5.9	11.3
25	18	S & U Stores	21	..	..	..	9.4
128	97	Samuel (H)	120	● -3	8.2	6.8	31.5
98	66	Do 'A'	74	● -1	6.0	8.1	19.4
19½	10½	Selincourt	18	..	0.2	2.4	24.1
230	150	Simpson (S) 'A'	215	-10	6.6	3.1	14.0
224	116	Smith (WH) 'A'	200	-6	5.9	3.0	15.7
50	28	Do 'B'	42	..	2.2	5.2	16.5
43	35	Stanley (AG)	42	..	2.1	5.0	17.8
149	71	Steinberg	76	● ..	3.1	4.1	5.8
190	49	Sumrie Clothes	63	..	..	..	..
420	253	Superdrug Stores	373	-10	5.4	1.5	32.5
53	34	Tern-Consulate	47	+2	2.9b	6.1	10.4
48¼	25¼	Time Products	32	● ..	1.4	4.5	6.5
295	185	Vantona Viyella	276	-9	14.3	5.1	10.4
231	123	WW Group	230	+10	11.3	4.9	9.1
228	101	Ward White	220	-6	7.9	3.6	16.2
153	95	Waring & Gillow	121	-1	2.9	2.4	..
153	115	Wigfall (Henry)	123	-2	..	..	..
633	338	Woolworth	585	-21	13.6	2.3	17.5

ELECTRICALS

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
380	371	AB Elect	472	-2	8.6	1.8	19.8
121½	84	Amstrad	78	+6	1.0	1.2	13.3
167	32	Arlen Elec	36	+2	..	..	..
305	240	Atlantic Comp	380	..	3.2	0.8	24.1
48	17	Audio Fidelity	29	-2	..	..	..
216	127	Auto Sec	178	-2	1.8b	1.0	21.8
290	203	BICC	250	-1	15.1	6.0	11.6
315	133	BSR	145	-1	2.1	1.4	12.8
464	243	Bowthorpe	450	..	7.0	1.6	24.7
134½	67½	Br Telecom 50p P	121½	-2½	9.3	7.5	..
97	62	Brown Boveri Kent	92	-4	3.6	3.9	13.6
31	21	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	27½	-½	1.9	7.0	32.7
334	100	CASE	274	+2	1.9	0.7	32.4
539	268	Cable & Wireless	498	-15	10.0	2.0	20.9
405	255	Cambridge Elec	370	+2	9.0	2.4	21.2
38	22	Chloride	30	+1	..	..	7.0
170	112	Do 7¾% CPF	133	-1	..	..	..
225	163	Cray Elect	225	● ..	3.5	1.5	31.5
286	196	Crystalate	218	● -5	5.5	2.5	13.9
93	73	Dale Elect	79	-1	6.4	8.1	8.1
124	68	Dataserv	116	-6	1.0	0.9	..
66½	52½	Dowding & Mills	64	..	3.5	5.5	11.7
208	132	Dubilier	180	● ..	3.4	1.8	16.8
355	233	Electrocomponents	320	..	6.1	1.9	23.2
59	34	Electronic Mach	45	-2	1.0	2.2	24.1
63	38	Electronic Rentals	47	● ..	4.6	9.8	28.0
195	116	Emess Lighting	193	..	6.4	3.3	18.0
60	32½	Energy Serv	50	-1	1.7	3.4	21.0
355	220	Eurotherm	325	● +5	5.7	1.8	21.4
283	156	Farnell Elect	185	-2	2.4	1.3	28.6
188	128	Ferranti	157	● +3	2.0	1.3	24.2
138	98	First Castle Elec	118	+1	3.0	2.6	11.8
51	27	Forward Tech	28	..	..	..	15.6
236	180	GEC	200	● -4	5.2	2.6	14.1
184	131	Grosvenor	176	-6	8.2	4.7	12.1
89	43	Highland Elect	65	-1	2.8	3.0	15.5
316	176	Int Signal & Control	272	..	1.0	0.4	..
148	108	Jones Stroud	140	-3	2.3	6.6	6.7
236	170	Kode	185	..	14.3	7.7	13.2
450	288	Lec Refrigeration	328	-7	17.9	5.4	3.3
450	281	Logica	342	-7	1.4	0.4	37.0
383	258	MK Elect	303	-2	13.7	4.5	9.3
380	215	Memec	285	+5	3.0	1.0	45.0
980	538	Micro Focus	880	-30	..	..	41.0
778	128	Muirhead	770	-2	7.5	4.4	12.5
135	68	Multitone Elec	95	● ..	3.9	5.8	9.5
91	49	Murray Elect	87	..	0.2	0.2	..
34	13	Newman	16½	..	..	..	6.8
230	166	Newmark (Louis)	215	● -1½	17.1a	8.0	10.1
100	60	NEI	92	-2	7.5	8.1	7.9
390	100	Oceonics	130	+6	1.1	0.8	18.3
338	243	Oxford Instruments	288	-5	2.0	0.7	28.4
53	39	Petbow	49	-2	1.4a	2.9	..
48	30	Philcom	34	..	1.1	3.4	7.4
137½	82½	Philips Fin 5⅜%	£137½	-½	575	4.2	..
15⅛	8½	Philips Lamps N/V	£14⅛	..	..	..	..
188	135	Pilco	165	..	7.5	4.6	9.2
180	120	Do 'A' Ltd Voting	148	..	7.5	5.1	8.3
232	176	Plessey	180	-2	5.4	3.0	12.0
24⅛	18⅛	Do ADR 25	£18⅛	-⅛	..	..	..
268	128	Pressac	128	-5	3.1	2.5	10.9
91	28	Quest Automation	80	..	..	..	..
288	188	Racal Elect	204	● +2	4.2	2.1	19.8
187	32	Resource Tech	39	..	1.0	2.6	8.8
156	86	Rotaflex	148	-1	5.0	3.4	15.0
450	290	Scholes (GH)	395	-2	25.7	6.5	8.7
184	109	Sound Diffusion	124	-2	0.5	0.4	31.6
372	248	STC	254	..	12.9b	5.1	11.8
157	92	Suter	136	-4	5.0	3.7	30.6
500	262	System Designers	490	+5	1.9	0.4	64.5
21⅞	14	TDK	£21⅞	-⅛	..	..	..
57	33	Telefusion	35	..	2.5	7.2	9.9
230	169	Telephone Rentals	195	-1	8.6	4.4	15.0
686	374	Thorn EMI	422	● -12	25.0	5.9	9.5
173	120	Thorpe (FW)	157	..	4.9	3.1	8.2
195	128	UEI	158	-3	7.5	4.7	15.1
310	205	Unitech	298	+5	8.1	2.7	16.2
348	196	Utd Leasing	338	-5	4.9	1.4	14.8
333	175	Utd Scientific	231	● -5	7.9	3.4	16.1
266	168	VG Instruments	262	..	2.6	1.0	33.3
141	98	Volex	123	● -6	8.9	7.2	7.1
44	32	Western Selection	43	● ..	3.9	9.0	13.2
78	50	Whitworth Elec	73	..	2.2	3.0	11.2
350	245	Wholesale Fitting	245	..	8.8	3.6	12.8

FINANCE AND LAND

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
327	288	Abingworth	300	+2	1.8	0.6	..
180	120	Aitken Hume	141	-2	10.0b	7.1	5.5
225	78	Antofagasta	200	..	15.0	7.5	4.5
106	72	Barlow Hldgs	100	-3	6.3	6.3	25.4
26	7⅛	Camellia	225	..	12.9b	0.5	..
340	75	Centreway	115	-10	1.4e	1.2	3.6
160	98	Hambro	151	-5	8.7	5.8	24.7
96	47	Ivory & Sime	94	-1	2.9	3.0	21.9
120	74	Majedie	118	-2	5.4	4.6	21.6
170	105	Park Place	138	..	6.8	4.9	42.8

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FOODS

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
36	18	Alpine Drinks	20	● -1	2.6	12.9	..
288	142	Argyll	271	-4	7.6	2.8	16.7
218	142	AB Food	210	● -2	7.3	3.5	9.4
184	140	Assoc Dairies	152	● -2	3.7	2.5	21.0
104	75	Assoc Fisheries	102	..	3.6	3.5	9.8
602	417	Avana	572	-22	14.5	2.5	19.0
235	178	Banks (Sidney C)	210	..	12.1	5.8	8.4
12⅛	7⅛	Barker & Dobson	10⅛	-⅛	0.4	3.3	17.3
258	203	Barr (AG)	213	● ..	10.7	5.0	6.8
176	85	Bassett Foods	160	● -1	9.6	6.0	9.0
90	65	Batleys Of Yorks	82	● -4	3.8	4.6	8.5
170	102½	Bejam	154	-2	5.4	3.5	22.8
86	63	Bluebird Conf	73	..	7.1	9.7	20.7
49	26	Br Vending (BVI)	49	+2	1.3	2.8	15.1
125	87	Brooke Bond	125	..	5.9	4.7	10.4
170	115	Cadbury-Schweppe	160	-2	7.9	4.9	13.0
122	85	Carrs Milling	122	r ..	7.9	6.4	6.6
150	115	Cliffords Dairies	135	..	8.5	6.3	6.3
125	107	Do 'A'	116	..	8.6	7.4	5.4
510	403	Cullens	470	..	..	..	..
375	256	Do 'A'	370	..	..	..	..
211	107	Dee	187	● -5	7.5	4.0	21.3
125	45	Fisher (Albert)	121	+1	1.4	1.2	39.5
210	148	Fitch Lovell	197	● -2	13.9	7.0	11.9
305	173	Glass Glover	291	-7	4.9	1.7	23.3
86	70	Global Gp	86	● +4	3.2	3.7	16.4
£10⅛	510	Hazlewood Foods	980	..	17.5	1.8	25.2
384	202	Hillards	322	-4	7.2	2.2	17.2
95	58	Home Farm	58	-10	4.6	8.0	6.0
430	352	Iceland Frozen	424	..	..	..	..
200	142	Kwik Save	178	-4	5.9	3.3	15.6
180	70	Lees (John J)	100	..	4.1	4.1	7.4
118	60	Lovell (GF)	60	..	3.0	5.1	..
583	314	Low (Wm)	560	..	14.3	2.6	15.7
272	157	Matthews (Bernard)	254	-13	9.3	3.7	6.4
285	220	Maynards	240	..	14.4	6.0	16.0
95	75	Meat Trade Supp	81	..	7.5	9.3	11.8
215	142	Morrison (W)	198	..	2.6	1.3	16.9
47⅛	27⅛	Nabisco Brands	£45⅛	-⅛	..	..	..
95	62	Needlers	90	..	6.0a	6.7	8.8
285	172	Nichols (JN) (Vimto)	225	..	6.9	3.1	17.8
83	46	Normans	80½	-1½	2.4	2.9	17.3
230	160	Nthn Foods	222	● -5	3.6	4.3	12.6
178	110	Nurdin & Peacock	164	-4	9.4	5.3	12.5
113	73	Park Foods	105	● -1	4.6	4.4	13.5
139	73	RHM	129	-4	6.2	4.8	10.3
398	218	Rowntree Mac	342	-8	14.5	4.2	11.1
334	228	Sainsbury (J)	328	-8	5.6	1.7	25.7
41	20	Somportex	20	..	1.4	7.2	12.4
500	305	Tate & Lyle	453	● -2	27.1	6.0	9.1
244	125	Tesco	224	● -3	6.2	2.8	17.7
169	112	Unigate	145	-1	11.1	7.6	8.4
219	135	Utd Biscuits	194	..	10.0	5.2	10.9
101	67	Watson & Philip	94	● ..	7.1	7.6	13.0

HOTELS AND CATERERS

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
100	33½	Comfort Hotels	92	● -5	1.1	1.2	39.8
360	269	Grand Met	286	-5	13.1	4.6	8.9
280	174	Kennedy Brookes	263	-3	1.8	0.7	16.8
282	182	Ladbroke	260	-7	14.2	5.5	18.3
358	175	Lon Park Hotels	358	+2	10.5	2.9	57.7
81	50½	Mount Charlotte	79	-1	1.6	2.0	19.2
131	72	Prince Of W Hotels	102	..	2.1b	2.1	18.1
59½	32	Queens Moat	54	-1½	1.9	3.5	19.4
415	271	Savoy Hotels 'A'	391	-4	2.9	0.7	28.5
189	85½	Stakis	174	-5	4.3	2.5	17.4
161	94	Trusthouse Forte	147	-5	6.8	4.6	17.8

INDUSTRIALS A – D

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
133	98	AAH	131	..	6.6	6.7	9.1
288	204	AGB Research	227	● +3	8.7	3.8	23.3
128	81	AIM	102	-3	8.2	8.0	12.3
376	203	APV	238	..	18.1	8.8	7.1
83	45	Aaronson	79	-1	3.4	4.3	16.3
198	116	Adwest	158	-2	9.6	6.1	10.8
373	200	A.G.L.	330	..	7.1	2.2	21.5
95	78	Amber Ind	85	..	7.9	9.2	6.8
90	66	Appledore	87	..	..	..	..
280	188	Applied Comp Tech	220	● +5	1.3	0.6	25.1
32	17	Arenson	26	-1	..	..	7.2
40	16½	Armour	19	..	0.3	1.4	12.8
530	410	Ash & Lacey	413	-4	28.6	6.9	7.4
28	12	Ashley	15	+1	..	..	9.0
32½	8	Assoc Br Eng	12	-2	1.0	8.6	2.7
398	286	Assoc Heat	331	-4	14.3	4.3	13.7
..	..	Assoc Telecoms	..	f ..	5.3	..	..
21	14	Aurora	15½	-1	..	..	6.5
21½	12½	Do 9% Prf	17	-2	1.3	7.6	..
238	123	Avon Rubber	238	● +3	7.1	3.0	6.1
48	25	Ayrshire Metal	30	..	..	..	30.0
60	27	BBA	55	..	2.5	4.5	13.8
338	225	BET Dfd	308	-7	17.8	5.8	12.4
62	46	BETEC	60	-1	0.7	1.2	14.3
310	221	BOC	287	● -4	11.0	3.8	14.2
687	402	BTR	641	-18	17.1b	2.7	23.5
179	122	Babcock	156	-7	10.9	7.0	8.8
31	11	Bailey (CH)	22	+½	..	..	23.4
350	263	Baird (Wm)	328	-2	23.5b	7.2	9.9
193	116	Baker Perkins	181	● -2	9.2b	5.1	12.0
70	44	Banro Ind	66	+4	4.7	7.1	17.2
14	2½	Barbican	3½	-½	..	..	..
..	..	Barget	..	f ..	..	..	..
400	245	Barlow Rand	356	-10	7.1b	2.0	..
855	405	Barrow Hepburn	405	+2	..	..	..
49	31	Barton Transport	47	..	3.1	6.7	20.0
175	88	Bath & Portland	155	..	22.9	14.7	3.0
305	148	Baynes (Charles)	297	+2	8.9b	3.0	19.5
75	43	Beatson Clarke	56	● -1	3.2	5.7	14.2
200	130	Beauford	166	..	12.9	7.7	7.9
81	52	Beecham	76	..	5.9	7.7	7.6
391	286	Belgrave	368	● -10	15.3	4.2	16.8
170	120	Bellair Cosmetics	130	-6	..	..	..
..	..	Benlox	..	f ..	..	..	..
38	22	Beresfords	34	-2	1.4	4.2	7.0
117	82	Berisford (SW)	110	● -2	7.9	7.2	6.2
219	157	Bespack	170	● -3	15.0	8.8	5.2
355	233	Bestobell	233	● ..	5.7	2.5	18.6
378	282	Bestwood	310	-8	19.3	6.2	18.2
285	100	Bevan (DF)	205	..	8.6	4.2	17.0
18	14	Bibby (J)	16½	..	1.4	8.7	4.4
308	198	Biddle	285	..	5.6	2.1	18.6
154	128	Billam (J)	150	-3	14.3	9.5	8.1
85	52	Birmid Qualcast	73	..	4.0	5.5	4.7
108½	49	Birmingham Mint	82½	-1½	3.8	4.6	6.9
255	165	Black Arrow	215	r ..	16.4b	7.6	24.2
100	61	Black (Peter)	75	-4	5.4	7.1	6.7
335	149	Blackwood Hodge	210	-3	2.2	1.0	23.3
56	9	Blundell-Perm	23	-½	..	..	11.5
204	122	Bodycote	147	-1	10.0	6.8	9.5
100	54	Booker McConnell	91	-2	5.7	6.3	10.5
268	79	Boots	253	..	10.0	4.0	21.5
215	166	Boulton (Wm)	170	-3	8.1	4.8	14.1
9	7⅛	Bowater	7⅛	-1	..	..	..
260	140	Bowater Inc	223	-8	12.1	5.4	..
21⅞	14⅛	Braithwaite Eng	£21⅛	..	..	..	..
178	114	Brammer	132	-2	13.0b	9.8	17.6
320	145	Brawway	292	..	9.8	3.5	23.1
56	24½	Bremgam	48	● ..	2.3	4.7	11.8
82½	34	Bridgend Process	48	● -1	2.0	4.2	11.5
41	24	Bridon	33	+1	..	..	..
125	89	Bridport-Gundry	122	-1	5.0	4.1	8.3
105	73	Br Bldg & Eng Appl	104	-1	5.7	5.5	8.1
160	110	Br Steam	135	● ..	4.4	3.3	11.4
133	78	Br Syphon	120	-3	8.2	6.8	11.7
106	57	Br Vita	101	..	4.3b	4.2	32.9
213	151	Brocks Hill	181	+4	8.2	4.5	8.2
392	288	Broken Hill	375	+2	..	..	..
85	50	Bromsgrove Cast	80	● -2	4.1	5.2	7.8
18	10	Bronx Eng	12½	..	..	..	..
89	38	Brook St Bureau	88	-1	2.8	3.3	40.9
25	18½	Brooke Tool	22	● -5	1.4	6.5	4.1
134	87	Brown & Tawse	125	● -3	8.0	6.4	12.3
30	16	Brown (John)	26	-1	..	..	..
128	50	Bruntons (Mus)	58	-5	5.3	9.1	7.3
440	238	Bullough	423	-1	14.1	3.3	18.9
31	16	Burco Dean	18	-1	0.1	0.8	..
128	35	Burgess	126	■ -2	2.8b	2.3	19.9
53	33½	Burns-Anderson	49	● ..	4.2b	8.5	12.5
28½	12½	Butterfield-Harvey	23½	..	..	..	3.4
39	18	Camford Eng	33	+1	1.5	4.5	6.4
380	283	Can O'Seas Pack	345	+30	..	..	..
42½	31½	Capero Ind	38	-1	2.3	6.0	27.5
118	32	Cape Ind	48	..	8.0e	19.0	2.0
200	99	Cardo Eng	185	● -5	13.6b	7.3	9.5
129	89	Cartwright (R)	111	..	8.2	7.4	7.3
83	50	Celestion	57	-½	1.4	8.3	11.5
14½	7	Central & Sheer	8	..	..	..	..
42	31	Centreway Ind	34	..	0.4	1.8	16.0
57	27	CH Ind	54	● ..	2.8	5.1	46.2
84½	61	Chamberlain Pb	73½	-1½	5.1	7.9	11.5
58	48	Chamberlin & Hill	50	-8	4.9	9.7	6.3
605	400	Chemring	515	● +5	14.3	2.8	8.3
48	31	Christie Tyler	48	+1½	2.1	4.5	13.5
509	285	Christies Int	481	-9	12.9	2.7	3.6
42	28	Chrisy Bros	34	..	..	..	22.4
193	96	Clarke (Clement)	185	..	8.6	5.7	73.2
73	57	Clayton Son	62	-1	4.3a	6.9	8.3
530	340	Cohen (A)	515	● ..	14.4	2.8	7.1
38	11½	Combined Tech	33½	-1	..	..	7.8
66	47	Concentric	64	..	5.0	7.8	11.1
140	85	Cornells	88	-2	4.0	4.5	13.5
33	21	Cont Stationery	21	..	2.0	9.5	3.5
64	39	Cook (Wm)	52	-1	3.7	7.1	5.0
528	243	Cookson	520	-3	15.4	3.0	19.7
151	73½	Cope Allman	141	-3	6.1	4.3	10.9
36	22	Copson (F)	29	..	2.1	7.5	7.5
81	48	Cosalt	58	+6	1.1	1.9	20.3
248	168	Courtney Pope	225	..	9.3	4.1	8.2
40	28	Cowan De Groot	39	-1	2.8	7.3	16.5
111	72	Crest Nicholson	80	-1	4.8	6.0	8.8
139	99	Crown House	132	● -2	9.5	7.2	12.2
282½	158½	Cummins 3½%	£282½	+8	375	1.3	..
440	255	DPCE	430	-5	3.5	0.8	36.2
493	368	Dalgety	473	..	34.3	7.2	11.4
28⅛	19⅛	Dana	£27⅛	-⅛	..	..	..
..	..	Danks Gowerton	..	f ..	..	..	..
98	43	Davies & Met 'A'	53	● ..	3.2	6.0	10.4
220	143	Davies & Newman	185	● ..	14.3	7.7	6.6
94	47	Davy	84	-4	5.3	6.3	10.6
860	580	De La Rue	785	-10	38.1	4.8	14.2
116	76	Delta	108½	-3½	5.4	5.0	7.8
118	88	Dartend Stamping	117	● -1	8.6	7.3	5.0
148	75	Descutter	141	+1	8.0	5.7	12.7
45	24	Diamond Stylus	30	..	0.7a	2.4	10.6
15½	10	Dinkie Heel	12½	..	0.8	6.3	10.8
282	202	Diploma	245	..	7.1	2.9	18.1
90	58	Dobson Park	85	● ..	7.4	8.8	18.4
109	70	Dom	78	..	7.1	9.1	8.9
140	81	Dominion Int	81	● -1	6.9	8.5	5.4
56	37	Dowty Blumesstic	38	+1	3.7	9.8	16.8
42	24½	Dupert	27	-1½	1.5	5.4	13.4
38	15	Duveck	17	..	..	..	8.8
85	69	Dyson (J&J)	75	..	5.7	7.6	13.5
82	58	Do 'A'	73	..	5.7	7.8	13.1

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1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
385	175	Eastern Prod	378	● -2	10.7	2.8	7.7
127	88	Edbro	114	● ..	8.5	7.5	4.5
188	138	EIS	166	-4	7.9	4.7	9.6
34½	23	Elbief	29	..	2.3	7.8	9.9
104	72	Eleco	98	..	5.0	5.1	11.5
27	20	Electrolux (AB) 'B'	£27	+½	11.0	0.4	..
73½	37	Elliott (B)	62	-2	0.1	0.2	3.8
43⅛	19½	Embart	£27	-½	150	5.1	..
272	201	English China Clay	269	-2	13.7	5.1	12.4
35½	23½	Ericsson (LM) 'B'	£27	..	9.0	0.3	..
108	80	Erskine House	91	..	2.1	2.4	18.0
182	109	European Ferries	155½	-1½	5.4	3.5	24.7
121	87	Do 5%	118	..	7.1	6.0	..
168	88	Evered	158	-2	3.0b	1.9	35.8
148	102	Evode	111	-1	4.0	3.6	8.4
100	77	Expamet Int	94	+1	6.8	7.2	12.7
355	215	Extel	288	-5	8.5	3.0	18.6
52	37	Falcon	37	..	2.9	7.7	8.5
150	91	Farmer (SW)	91	..	13.9	15.3	8.2
39	24	Feedex Agric Ind	29	-1	1.8e	5.7	25.2
153	93	Fenner (JH)	131	-1	10.7	8.2	35.1
166	130	Ferguson Ind	131	-2	9.3	7.1	8.6
143	116	Fife Indmar	130	..	9.6	7.4	6.2
316	168	Fisons	291	-5	5.8	2.0	20.3
70	39	Fitzwilton	44	..	1.0	2.3	..
90	42	Flexello C&W	85	● -2	4.3	5.0	6.9
136	31	Fobel	38	● ..	0.6	1.6	4.6
79	43	Fogarty	55	..	5.7	10.4	8.3
22½	16½	Folkes Hefo N/V	20½	-1	1.8b	8.7	17.5
230	145	Foseco-Minsep	212	-6	10.7	5.1	14.7
152	104	Fothergill & Harvey	138	..	11.1	8.0	15.5
100	68	French (Thomas)	84	..	3.8	4.5	8.8
188	160	Friedland Doggart	180	..	9.7	5.4	7.7
92	62	GEI Int	86	..	7.9	9.1	18.4
220	153	GKN	182	-6	12.9	6.7	8.5
250	188	GR	215	..	10.0	4.7	9.6
74	40	Garton Eng	62	-3	3.8	5.8	9.2
112	47	Gestetner 'A'	92	-2	1.9	2.1	20.1
94	61	Gieves	67	-2	3.6b	5.3	6.4
12⅞	7	Glaxo	£11⅞	-⅛	18.6	1.6	26.7
188	120½	Glynwed	177	-4	12.4b	7.0	11.8
37	20	Gomme	34	+1	..	..	3.0
530	255	Goring Kerr	495	● ..	11.8	2.4	23.9
110	70	Grampian	99	+5	6.4	6.5	15.8
221	142	Granada	182	-4	9.1	5.0	12.0
19	12	Grovebell	14	-½	0.7a	4.7	5.3
60	32	Halot Precision	46	● ..	2.1	4.7	8.7
245	132	Haden	190	+4	12.3b	6.5	9.5
156	102½	Hall Eng	124	-2	10.9	8.8	5.4
316	218	Hall (M)	302	-4	10.1	3.3	13.7
280	150	Hallite	180	..	11.1	6.8	5.0
235	134	Halma	228	● -2	2.4	1.1	33.0
24	18	Hampson Ind	20½	● -½	1.2	6.0	7.7
60	41	Hanimex	49	+2	..	..	..
158	115	Hanover	121	..	3.2	2.6	21.0
238	106	Hanson	218	r -4	4.8	2.2	17.5
180½	111½	Do 6% Cnv	£170½	..	..	..	..
257½	254½	Do 9¼% Cnv	£254½	+1	975	3.8	..
110	65	Hargreaves	70	-5	8.1	6.0	14.2
132	84	Harris (Philip)	130	..	11.8	9.1	11.3
494	352	Hawker Siddeley	419	-12	16.0	3.8	9.3
98	61	Hawley	87	-4	2.7	3.1	..
89	57	Hay (Norman)	88	..	5.4	6.1	10.6
177	120	Hepworth Ceramic	141	-3	9.4	6.6	23.5
31	15	Herman Smith	25	..	0.7	2.8	23.8
75	42	Hestair	61	..	5.1	8.4	10.6
118½	42½	Hewitt (J)	58	..	3.4	5.9	2.1
253	78	Highgate & Job	103	..	..	..	45.2
78	33	Hill & Smith	67	-5	..	..	97.1
84	55	Holt Lloyd	80	● -2	5.0b	6.3	14.8
147	88	Hopkinsons	145	● -1	8.1	5.6	8.7
336	125	Hoskins & Horton	333	..	14.3b	4.3	14.7
21	5½	Howard Machinery	10	-½	..	..	13.7
87	65½	Howden	76	-2	4.1	5.0	10.5
13⅞	10¼	Hudson Bay	£12½	● +½	59.0	4.7	..
270	165	Hunting Assoc	175	-15	9.3	5.3	7.1
237	80	Hutchison Whampoa	225½	-6½	..	..	..
108	66	IMI	98½	-3½	6.4a	6.7	10.6
68	60	Ingall Ind	67	..	4.8	7.1	11.4
536	363	Initial	500	-8	21.1	4.2	13.9
47½	24	Inter-City	30½	..	..	..	..
74	49	Jackson (J&HB)	60	-1½	2.5	4.2	16.1
278	112	Jacksons Bourne	223	● -2	8.6	3.9	18.6
131	52	Jardine Math	88	-5½	..	..	..
456	308	Johnson Cleaners	426	-2	26.5b	6.2	9.5
193	63	Johnson Matthey	71	+1	14.3e	20.1	4.5
19	8	Johnson & FB	13½	-½	..	..	5.5
300	150	Johnston	175	-5	9.3	5.3	6.8
58	34	Jones & Shipman	53	-1	2.1	4.0	10.4
133	80	Jourdan (Thomas)	123	-3	8.3	6.7	16.9
54	26	Kalamazoo	34	..	2.9	8.4	17.8
220	150½	Kelsey Ind	215	● -2	11.4	5.3	12.7
153	78	Kennedy Smale	95	-5	..	..	13.2
355	155	Kershaw (A)	345	+5	21.4	6.2	32.2
203	125	Kitchen (Rbt Taylor)	163	-5	15.7	9.6	4.9
145	70	Kleen-E-Ze	100	..	7.1	7.1	13.8

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1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
123	73	LCP	115	r -2	5.7	5.0	22.0
29	12	LDH	18	+1½	..	..	17.8
243	90	Lap	235	-3	5.6	2.4	..
128	83	LRC	113	-3	5.2	4.6	12.2
154	94	Laird	142	-3	7.3	5.1	8.8
65½	29½	Lake & Elliot	62	-1	..	..	8.3
116	38½	Lamont	115	..	2.7	2.4	16.2
59	42	Lawtex	51	..	2.1	4.2	6.0
32½	15½	Lee (Arthur)	30	● -2	1.7	5.7	9.6
88	35	Lilleshall	37	..	..	..	..
32	24	Linread	32	..	1.4e	1.9	33.9
38	27	Lloyd (FH)	29	-1	1.4	4.8	31.2
32	19	Locker (T)	25	-1	1.8e	3.5	10.6
192	118	Lon Midland	192	+1½	12.5	6.5	19.3
87	65	Lon & Ntn	77	..	6.8e	8.8	8.3
104	51	Longton Ind	100	● -1	2.0	2.9	19.3
272	138	Low & Bonar	268	..	11.1	4.2	7.4
15	9	MJ	15	+1	1.2	11.9	3.5
169	110	Macarthys Pharm	152	-2	11.0	7.2	6.8
187	134	Macfarlane	187	+1	5.8	3.1	15.1
48	35	Macellan (P&W)	45	..	2.4	6.9	8.3
158	112	McKechnie	133	-2	10.4	7.8	9.0
84	44	Magnolia	48	-2	3.5	7.4	5.7
270	180	Manchester Ship	256	-2	7.9a	3.1	7.5
62	32	Manganese Bronze	53	-2	3.6	6.7	7.0
106	65½	Marley	92	-3	4.9	5.3	13.1
61½	51½	Marling	52	-1	2.0	3.8	8.1
45	30	Marshall (Loxley)	45	..	1.7	3.8	15.9
46	29	Do 'A'	39	..	1.7	4.4	13.8
77	46	Marshalls Univ	74	-1	2.5b	3.4	57.8
305	213	Martonair	303	..	13.6	4.5	13.1
432	286	Metal Box	415	-6	21.8	5.3	7.0
220	130	Metal Closures	151	-4	9.0	6.0	10.0
61	41	Metalrax	59	-1	3.2	5.5	13.0
84½	45	Mitchell Cotts	82½	..	5.7	6.9	10.3
63	38	Mitchell Somers	62	..	4.6	7.5	14.5
358	247	ML	347	-6	10.0	2.9	14.9
151	103	Molins	132	-4	11.3	8.6	8.6
197	132	Morgan Crucible	191	-1	11.0	5.8	15.5
118	80½	Moss (Robert)	100	-3	3.7	3.7	12.2
52	34	MS Int	42	..	0.1	0.3	6.0
32	21½	MY Dart	23½	-½	1.1	4.6	18.2
78½	9	Neepsend	77	+1½	0.1e	1.3	9.1
180	41	Neill (J)	131	-4	3.6	2.7	49.8
101	78	Newman-Tonks	97	-1	7.3	7.5	13.6
68	38	Nokon	55	+5	1.6	2.9	34.0
185	132	Norcros	165	● -2	11.1	6.8	8.8
190	133	Office Elect Mach	148	..	10.7	7.2	7.8
203	149	Parker Knoll 'A'	166	-1	12.9	7.7	6.5
268	198	Pauls	240	-1	12.1	5.1	8.8
658	405	Pearson	626	-22	21.4	3.4	13.6
38	20	Peek	21	..	..	..	..
108	88	Peerless	92	..	9.0	9.8	9.4
288	218	Pegler-Hattersley	282	● ..	18.6	7.5	8.8
405	58	Pentland Ind	385	-3	2.7	0.7	74.5
38½	17	Pentos	33½	-½	..	..	88.8
10⅜	5⅞	Photo-Me	£10⅜	..	13.5	1.3	14.1
351	221	Pilkington	286	r -4	17.9b	6.2	7.5
66	38	Plastic Constr	59	-2	3.6	6.5	12.2
334	157	Polly Peck	237	..	5.0	2.1	4.8
610	475	Portals	550	+5	25.0	4.5	9.6
135	74	Porter Chadburn	119	-4	0.5a	0.5	..
453	289	Powell Duffryn	393	-32	25.7a	6.6	11.2
66	27	Pratt (F) Eng	50	-1	2.1	4.2	12.2
93	43	Prestwich Parker	90	-3	1.0	1.1	18.3
488	288	Pretoria Cement	273	+5	..	..	..
113½	83	Pritchard Serv	83	-1	5.1	6.2	10.2
33½	30	Quaker Oats	£31⅛	+½	..	..	..
108½	84½	RFD	90	● -3	5.0	5.5	11.0
99	38	RHP	87	● ..	4.3	4.9	7.8
96	55	Radiant Metal	73	..	2.1	2.8	24.2
334	182	Rank Org	320	+6	15.4	4.8	32.8
500	259	Ransome Sims	480	..	22.9	4.7	13.0
125	82	Ratcliffs (G Bridge)	120	-2	2.9	2.4	13.7
580	404	Reckitt & Colman	525	-8	20.4b	3.9	14.4
118	43	Redfearn Glass	73	● -7	0.1	0.2	3.1
20	3	Redman Heenan	15	-1	..	..	1.2
138	62	Reed Executive	125	● ..	2.1	1.7	14.5
592	374	Reed Int	560	-18	24.8	4.4	9.3
97	74	Relyon	86	-2	5.9	6.9	9.4
61	34	Renold	57	..	..	..	10.5
115	73	Restmor	111	● ..	5.4	4.8	9.8
338	220	Reuters	326	● -2	3.6	1.1	31.7
36½	23	Rexmore	23½	..	2.2	9.4	6.1
118	77	Ricardo Eng	100	-1	3.6	3.6	14.1
52	32	Richards (Leics)	36	..	..	..	..
30	14	Richardson West	24	..	..	..	18.3
274	214	Robertson Res	242	● -2	4.3	1.8	24.7
52	29	Robinson (Thomas)	48	..	..	..	14.8
48	28	Rockware	41	-3	..	..	11.9
142	88	Ropner	137	..	7.1	5.2	23.8
140	87	Do 'A'	138	..	7.1	5.3	22.7
14	4½	Rotaprint	7	..	..	..	3.4
123	76	Rotork	114	-4	6.0	5.3	12.5
97	66	Russell (A)	97	● ..	1.8b	1.8	13.8

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1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
82	36	SI	40	+1	2.3	5.7	8.5
575	485	Salmatine & Pen	495	..	..	..	..
455	266	Sale Tilney	455	+20	16.8	3.7	13.0
93	67	Sandhurst	67	+2	1.4	2.1	16.8
..	..	Sangers	..	f ..	..	..	..
90	65	Saville Gordon (J)	86	-7	5.7	6.7	14.8
494	235	Scapa	466	-6	13.3	3.0	11.7
115	87	Scott & Robertson	103	-1	3.4	3.3	9.0
97½	68½	Sears	88	-2	3.7	4.2	12.5
299	182½	Securicor	281	+1	2.1	0.8	43.4
288	149½	Do 'A'	280	-1	2.1	0.8	42.7
271	111	Security Serv	284	-1	4.3	1.5	30.9
32	18	Senior Eng	27½	-1	2.1	10.0	12.8
83	38	Shiloh	63	-2	2.1	5.6	3.7
483	365	Sidlaw	404	● -10	28.6	7.1	10.1
554	345	Siebe	540	+41	14.2	2.6	14.8
78	38	Silentnight	40	● -3	3.9	9.8	3.4
256	195½	Simon Eng	248	-8	10.7	4.3	9.4
85	62½	Six Hundred	84½	-3½	7.5	8.9	19.3
426½	348	Sketchley	362	-4	20.3	5.6	12.0
20	13½	SKF 'B'	£19	+½	..	..	..
235	142	Smith & Nephew	229	-1	5.7	2.5	24.2
44	24	Smith Whitworth	41	..	..	..	77.4
203	121	Smiths Ind	192	● -18	6.0	2.8	15.9
41	20	Solicitors Law	38	..	..	..	88.0
64	28	Sparrow (GW)	33	-3	2.5	7.8	3.5
135	80	Spear (JW)	128	..	1.4b	1.1	88.6
172	129	Spear & Jackson	151	-2	7.9	5.2	7.5
44	25	Spencer Clark	37	-1	0.7	1.9	8.1
288	189	Spirax-Sarco	286	..	8.8	3.2	16.6
102	61	Staffs Potteries	98	-1	2.9	2.9	6.6
112	88	Stag Furniture	99	-8	7.5	12.7	4.9
167	109	Standard Fireworks	155	-3	7.1	4.6	6.5
290	52	Star Comp	58	..	3.6	6.7	29.8
334	226	Steetley	318	-4	20.0	6.3	9.8
327	229	Stoddey	311	-5	18.4	5.8	18.5
101	65	Sterling Ind	70	● ..	3.0	4.3	21.2
183	125	Stockdale	143	+1	17.1	12.0	3.7
97	65	Stonehill	88	-1	4.3	4.9	28.7
170	106	Stothert & Pitt	188	+3	4.3	2.6	5.0
263	210	Sunlight Serv	230	-3	10.3	4.5	12.0
33	20	Sutcliff Speakman	24	..	..	..	22.9
294½	132½	Swire Pacific 'A'	274½	-10½	..	..	..
198	130	Sykone	198	● ..	12.9	7.7	13.5
236	165	TI	228	-8	17.9	7.8	11.7
141	86	TNT	136	..	..	..	..
107	41	TSL Thermal	86	+1	0.1	0.1	..
425	139	Tace	376	● -5	6.4	1.7	20.9
28⅛	20⅛	Takeda Chem	£23⅛	+½	..	..	..
8½	5½	Talbex	7	-½	..	..	77.8
64	48	Tallon	58	..	3.0	5.2	7.8
78	48	Tex Abrasives	68	● -2	5.0	7.6	8.0
88	52	Third Mile	67	-1	2.4	3.6	14.9
58	47	Thomson T-line	48	..	..	..	..
170	95	Tomkins (FH)	151	-4	2.8	1.8	24.7
138	108	Toothill RW	130	..	10.7	8.2	5.1
366	200	Trafalgar House	357	-10	14.3	4.0	12.1
214	163	Transcontinental	211	..	9.5	4.5	16.4
119½	84	Transport Dev	111½	-½	7.5	6.5	10.8
10	5	Trentwood	9½	r -½	..	..	32.7
45	38	Triefus	40	..	..	..	..
47	28	Triplex	33	+2	0.1e	0.2	..
121	85	Turner & Newall	108	-5	2.5	2.3	11.5
167	85	UKO	109	-2	4.3	3.9	8.5
12⅛	8⅛	Unilever	£11⅛	-⅛	45.4	3.8	13.2
50½	33	Unilever (NV)	£50½	-½	..	..	..
133	88	Utd Parcels	93	..	4.0	4.3	12.7
122	77	Utd Wire	122	..	8.6	7.0	9.2
185	108	Valor	182	-1	5.9	3.3	9.8
375	240	Vereeniging	240	..	..	..	..
235	125	Vickers	213	-8	12.9	6.0	14.4
138	74	Victor Products	95	-2	6.8	7.2	9.8
253	140	Vinten	181	..	4.5b	2.4	14.1
331	173	Volkswagen	£237½	..	..	..	..
59½	43	Vosper	59½	..	..	..	..
280	152	Wade Potteries	152	-5	7.5e	3.9	7.5
134	95	Wadkin	132	-1	3.8	2.9	17.1
163	103	Wagon Ind	131	..	4.3	3.3	15.7
134	86	Waterford Glass	130	-2	10.0	7.6	18.0
48	27½	Watshams	39½	..	1.9	4.7	..
188	125	Watson (R Kelvin)	153	-3	3.9	2.5	24.8
169	88	Weir	105	● -3	6.1	5.8	8.9
222	116	Wedgwood	212	-3	8.9	4.2	14.1
44	26	Weir	40	-1	3.0	7.5	13.1
21½	9½	Wellman	13	..	..	..	..
183	132	Westland	132	● -4	11.8	8.9	45.8
107	62	Westa	75	..	7.9	10.5	20.0
10½	6⅞	Whatman Reeve	£10⅛	..	12.1	1.2	38.2
35½	25	Wheelock Mard 'A'	48	-1	..	..	..
43	30	Whessoe	84	-4	7.9	9.4	6.6
132	94	Whitecroft	144	● ..	9.9	6.8	7.5
172	138	Whitecroft	170	..	6.2	3.6	..
215	145	Wilkes (James)	170	..	..	..	..
183	124	Wills	173	..	..	..	..
171	119	Wills (G) & Sons	143	..	11.4	8.0	41.9
338	221	Wolsey-Hughes	308	● -10	12.5	4.1	8.3
39	15	Wolverhampton Lawn	34	..	..	..	12.1
81	38	Wood (Arthur)	78	..	4.3	5.6	6.3
38	13	Wood (SW)	20	..	..	..	3.1
26	11	Woodhouse & Rix	21	..	0.5	2.5	..
120	71	Wyndham Eng	83	..	2.1	2.6	18.7
420	230	Yarrow	417	..	15.7	3.8	18.3

INSURANCE

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
25⅛	13⅛	Alex & Alex	£23⅛	● -⅛	100	4.3	..
25⅞	13⅛	Am Gen	£24⅛	-⅛	88.0	3.6	..
645	415	Britannic	611	-5	33.6	5.5	..
238	183	Com Union	194	-4	16.9b	8.7	..
288	130	Equity & Law	216	● -7	6.4	3.0	..
687	310	FAI	687	..	17.0	2.5	..
538	423	Gen Accident	518	-10	27.1	5.2	13.0
685	508	GRE	651	-10	33.9	5.2	..
545	535	Hambro Life	538	..	23.8	4.4	..
645	515	Heath C E	636	-4	25.4	4.0	14.4
288	132	Hogg Robinson	245	● -5	10.4	4.2	20.9
585	413	Legal & Gen	546	-10	28.6	5.2	..
37	28	Lib Life SA R1	£34	● +1	..	..	..
722	435	London & Man	692	-10	24.7	3.6	..
288	185	Ldn Utd Inv	283	-2	17.1	6.1	55.7
54⅛	26⅛	Marsh & McLen	£53⅛	● -⅛	220	4.1	..
255	138	Minet	247	● -1	7.4	3.0	19.8
530	291	PWS	510	● -10	..	..	..
11⅞	7⅛	Pearl	£11⅞	-⅛	48.6	4.4	..
535	428	Prudential	513	-8	30.0	5.8	..
13⅛	6⅞	Reed Stenhouse	£13	+½	60.0	4.6	..
338	203½	Refuge	298	-3	30.0	10.2	..
575	365	Royal	565	-6	33.1	5.9	13.5
387	229	Sedgwick Gp	373	-3	11.5	3.1	20.1
621	288	Stewart Wr'son	617	-5	24.3	3.9	21.7
448	333	Sun Alliance	415	-6	20.4	4.9	..
797	545	Sun Life	709	-10	25.4	3.6	..
275	188	Trade Indemnity	273	..	10.7	3.9	..
669	327	Willis Faber	667	+15	15.7	2.4	28.3

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LEISURE

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
113	84	Barr & WA 'A'	89	..	8.6	9.6	6.0
180	113	Boosey & Hawkes	133	..	7.1	5.4	19.9
47	22	Campari	27	..	1.4	5.3	7.2
260	182	First Leisure	236	-8	9.3	3.9	21.0
80	48½	GRA	58	-1	..	..	38.0
53	28	Hamburger Brooks	38	-3	2.1	5.9	4.7
188	108	Horizon Travel	121	-3	5.7	4.7	8.5
193	83½	Intasun	165	● -2	6.6	6.2	4.7
150	100	Management Agen	147	● ..	12.5	8.5	16.1
138	75	Mecklenbroke	136	..	6.9	5.1	13.7
130	87½	Norton Opax	120	● -5	4.0b	3.4	23.2
433	283	Pleasurama	411	-3	13.1a	3.2	15.8
148	31	Riley Leisure	45	-1	2.1	4.6	4.0
185	108	Saga Holidays	188	..	5.6a	3.4	20.8
815	147	Samuelson	795	-20	9.5	1.2	35.5
90	63	Tottenham Hotspur	76	..	5.7	7.5	18.4
280	120	Trident TV 'A'	248	-2	10.7	4.3	16.6
110	86	Zetters	108	..	4.6	4.3	11.4

MINING

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
18⅛	13⅛	Ang Amer Coal	£18⅛	..	..	..	..
32⅛	8⅛	Ang Am	£29⅛	+⅛	54.0	5.6	10.4
88⅛	67⅛	Am Gold	£72⅛	+½	446	6.1	..
36⅛	31⅛	AAIT	£36	-1	271	7.5	..
35⅛	25⅛	Anglovaal	£30⅛	● ..	142	4.7	..
33⅛	25⅛	Do 'A'	£30⅛	● ..	142	4.7	..
303	210	Ayer Hitam	275	-5	47.5	17.3	..
11	6⅛	Blyvoors	£7⅛	..	78.0	11.1	7.5
240	135	Bracken	145	+2	28.0	17.9	7.7
49⅛	29⅛	Buffels	£28⅛	+1½	282	9.2	10.9
408	274	CRA	388	+10	..	..	..
86	45	Carr Boyd	60	..	..	..	..
283	188	Charter Cons	207	+1	15.7	7.8	7.9
627	455	Cons Goldfields	484	+2	35.0	7.3	12.5
545	338	De Beers	393	..	18.0	5.6	9.3
333	152	Deelkraal	179	..	4.0	2.2	68.1
28⅛	12⅛	Doornfontein	£13	+½	92.0	7.1	8.0
28⅛	13⅛	Driefontein	£20⅛	+¼	128	6.2	..
24½	15⅛	Durban	£19⅛	+½	..	..	5.4
385	168	E Daggafontein	177	..	..	..	..
19⅛	9⅛	E Rand Prop	£11⅛	+½	19.0	2.2	..
151	115	El Oro	149	..	9.0	6.4	10.7
321	150	Elsburg	205	+25	14.0	6.8	28.6
695	375	E Rand Gold	375	..	28.0	7.5	..
12⅛	6⅛	E Rand Prp	£8⅛	r ..	..	..	6.8
905	500	Free State Dev	550	-35	14.7	2.7	34.5
31⅛	18	FS Geduld	£18	..	162	9.0	6.1
240	136	Geevor Tin	240	..	17.1	7.1	8.2
12⅛	8⅛	Genbel	£12	..	60.8	7.0	..
16⅛	9⅛	Gen Mining	£13⅛	+½	87.0	8.4	..
17⅛	10	GFSA	£11⅛	..	46.0	4.0	19.8
769	365	GM Kalgoorli	373	..	..	..	..
275	155	Gopeng	169	● ..	20.0b	12.5	..
11⅛	5	Grootvlei	86	..	54.0	9.0	..
253	153	Hampton Areas	183	● +3	10.5	5.7	18.6
18⅛	10⅛	Harmony	£11⅛	+½	82.9b	5.8	9.0
683	395	Hartles	406	+19	34.0	8.5	..
35⅛	28⅛	Johnnies	273	+3	345	4.7	17.7
28⅛	12⅛	Kinross	£12⅛	..	88.0	7.0	18.2
40⅛	22⅛	Kloof	£20⅛	+½	150	4.9	..
300	159	Leslie	209	..	29.0	14.1	11.1
18⅛	15⅛	Libanon	£15⅛	+½	115	6.9	8.1
444	251	Lorraine	255	..	..	..	3.5
712⅛	418	Lydenburgh	504	..	28.0	4.6	47.2
252	157	MIM	182	+7	..	..	..
15	8	MTD (Mangula)	15	..	..	..	..
75	59	Malaysian Mining	55	+1	..	..	..
305	132	Marievale	132	..	17.0	12.9	8.4
50	28	Metals Exploration	33	+2	..	..	..
9⅛	6⅛	Middle Wits	£7⅛	-⅛	..	..	..
749	450	Minorco	728	+1	10.0	1.4	..
614	368	New Wits	381	+21	23.0	5.9	..
212	130	Nth Broken Hill	154	..	..	..	..
88	28½	Nth Kalgurli	33	..	..	..	..
315	269	Northgate	285	..	..	..	..
355	275	Petaling Tin	280	..	..	..	..
394	252	Peko Wallsend	384	-2	..	..	..
34⅛	19⅛	Pres Brand	£20	..	180	8.9	7.5
43⅛	21⅛	Pres Steyn	£22⅛	..	267	8.9	11.0
725	430	Rand Mines Prop	525	..	12.0	2.3	14.3
114	72½	Randfontein	£76⅛	..	851	7.2	7.9
286	150	Renison	276	+10	..	..	..
714	504	RTZ	694	..	28.4	4.2	11.9
8⅛	6	Rustenburg	£8⅛	+½	28.0	3.8	54.8
29⅛	12⅛	St Helena	£13⅛	+½	125	9.2	8.9
321	217	SA Land	223	r +1	18.0	8.1	15.6
49⅛	30⅛	Southvaal	£30⅛	-½	118	3.9	..
11⅛	7⅛	Stilfontein	£7⅛	+½	..	..	..
368	258	Sungei Besi	270	..	..	..	..
476	250	Tanjong	260	..	..	..	32.1
12⅛	7⅛	Tara	£12⅛	+½	..	..	..
33⅛	20⅛	Transvaal Land	£30⅛	..	74.8	3.0	11.8
403	240	Tronoh	280	+5	..	..	..
11⅛	5	Unisel	86	..	46.0	7.7	..
97	68½	Vaal Reefs	£68½	..	536	8.0	..
11⅛	6	Venterspost	86	+½	54.0	6.3	6.4
249	120	Vlakfontein	133	..	15.0e	12.2	..
160	78	Vogels	115	..	4.3	3.7	16.0
17	8½	Wankie Colliery	12	..	..	..	..
9⅛	5⅛	Welkom	£5⅛	..	67.0	11.4	12.6
550	275	Western Areas	290	+12	23.0	7.9	..
47⅛	28⅛	Western Deep	£30⅛	+½	171	3.7	..
39⅛	22	Western Holdings	£22⅛	+1	259	10.9	7.3
289	179	Western Mining	232	+13	3.0	1.3	..
687	382	West Rand Cons	380	-1	12.0	3.2	16.9
272	128	Whim Creek	142	..	..	..	..
36⅛	20⅛	Winkels	£24⅛	..	175	7.0	..
231	67	Wit Nigel	92	..	1.1	1.2	83.6
21⅛	12⅛	Zambia Copper	18	+½	..	..	..
100	68	Zandpan	75	+6	32.6	43.5	2.2

MOTORS AND AIRCRAFT

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
133	68½	AE	125	● -4	6.1	4.9	9.1
41	27	Appleyard	38	..	..	..	6.3
170	137	Arlington Motor	170	● ..	12.1	7.1	4.3
38	23	Armstrong	34½	..	0.9	2.5	10.4
81	37	Auto Products	63	..	4.3b	6.8	14.9
24	14½	BSG	22½	-1	1.4b	6.4	5.7
19	11	Burrell Bros	12½	-½	..	..	..
172	128	Bramall (CD)	130	● ..	9.6	7.4	4.6
378	335	Br Aerospace	356	-3	15.5	4.3	6.7
135	82	Br Car Auctions	88	● -2	4.1	4.7	11.8
78	35	BL	37	..	..	..	..
142	115	Caffyns	128	-4	6.4	5.0	..
45	34	Cowie (T)	42	-1	2.9	6.9	3.9
119	72	Davis (Godfrey)	116	+1	5.7	4.9	13.2
213	183	Dowty	209	-4	7.1	3.4	16.0
38	23	Dunlop	29	-2	..	..	..
45	31	ERF	38	..	..	..	8.1
304	214	Flight Refuelling	284	-3	8.9	1.3	24.9
228	83	Ford Motor	218	● -3	7.0	3.2	..
92	49	Gates (Frank G)	89	-5	3.0	3.4	11.0
378	200	General Motor	375	+1	25.0	6.7	..
63	45	Glanfield Lawrence	59	-1	..	..	10.5
85	55	Group Lotus	74	..	..	..	37.4
72	44	Harrison (TC)	72	..	3.3e	4.7	10.2
65	36	Heron Motor	54	● -2	5.0	9.2	8.8
512	234	Honda Motor	501	-11	110b	2.2	..
235	108	Hurst (Charles)	228	..	5.0a	2.2	5.8
310	190	Jaguar	288	-4	11.1	3.8	12.1
58	35	Jessups	48	-1	4.3	8.8	6.2
145	82	Kenning Motor	107	-1	9.3	8.7	11.1
54	27	Kwik-Fit	31	..	2.2	7.2	10.8
441	275	Lex	293	..	14.4	4.9	7.7
114	72	Lookers	92	..	6.4	7.0	5.4
289	168	Lucas	265	-7	12.5	4.6	8.1
90	65	Perry (H)	88	-1	5.7	6.5	8.0
137½	79	Plaxtons (GB)	81	● -1	6.4	7.9	8.4
67	43	Quick (HJ)	47	-7	3.7	7.9	9.8
102	83	Solex 'A'	95	..	6.1	6.3	28.0
42	31	Supra	34	-1	2.6	8.2	11.8
42	19	Woodhead (Jonas)	24	-1	0.1e	0.6	6.1
114½	63	Young (H)	93	-3	..	..	16.4

NEWSPAPERS AND PUBLISHERS

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
388	250	Assoc Book	375	-3	12.1	3.2	15.8
720	387	Assoc Newspaper	675	● -10	20.0	3.0	12.1
340	250	Black (A&C)	285	..	12.9	4.5	10.7
438	235	Bristol	420	● -5	28.6	6.8	20.8
132	68	Coutson (Sir J)	118	+1	3.4	2.9	17.1
705	358	Collins (Wm)	703	..	16.4	2.3	18.5
575	315	Do 'A'	583	-2	16.4	2.8	18.2
104	65	East Mid Press 'A'	101	+1	3.5	3.4	17.4
275	135	Fleet	267	+5	7.1	2.7	18.4
310	170	Haynes Publishing	310	+10	17.1	5.5	20.7
172	138	Home Counties	138	..	..	..	..
173	142	Independent	150	..	12.0	8.0	..
582	380	Int Thomson	582	+5	14.0	2.5	20.5
540	380	News International	540	..	12.1	2.2	..
695	540	Octopus	670	..	13.7	1.6	35.0
175	128	Portsmouth Sund	138	-2	5.7	4.1	7.7
294	182	Trinity Int	280	-2	..	..	..
346	285	Utd Newspapers	310	-5	20.7e	6.7	11.8

OIL

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
130	88	Aapol	128	..	..	..	..
101	58	Acvil	60	-1	..	..	..
85	38	Aran Energy	48	..	..	..	..
144	46	Atlantic Resources	68	..	..	..	..
540	380	Br Petroleum	501	-4	36.8	7.7	10.1
87	22	Bristol Oil	28	-2	..	..	..
338	265	Br Borneo	308	-2	21.4	7.0	13.2
278	181	Britoil	201	-2	14.3	7.1	7.0
240	161	Burmah	211	-2	15.9	6.8	9.6
250	131	Carless Capel	155	-3	3.9	2.5	32.3
88	64	Century	70	..	6.0	8.3	11.4
84	45	Charterhall	48	-1	0.9	1.8	13.8
188	48	Charterhouse Pet	98	-2	1.1	1.1	71.5
203	172	Enterprise	174	-3	10.0	5.7	7.8
72	18	Garber Energy	42	-1	..	..	..
450	245	Global N Res	300	-10	..	..	..
140	92	Goal Pet	135	..	1.4b	1.0	14.9
280	200	Gt Western Res	210	..	..	..	..
335	220	IC Gas	300	● -3	18.6	6.5	12.9
42	19	KCA Drilling	26	..	2.9	11.0	5.3
366	254	LASMO	328	-2	18.4	5.0	15.4
570	400	Do Units	480	..	122	25.8	..
150	113	Petrocon	142	..	6.1	4.3	25.4
70½	40	Premier	43	r -1½	..	..	..
800	375	Ranger	400	-13	..	..	..
49⅛	30⅛	Royal Dutch	£45⅛	-⅛	..	..	..
718	588	Shell	703	-2	38.7	5.5	7.3
200	134	Siliclene	155	● ..	12.1	7.8	9.1
32	13	Texas (J)	13	..	..	..	..
82	29	TR Energy	29	..	..	..	38.7
230	168	Tricentrol	186	+1	14.3	7.7	11.1
262	160	Ultramar	195	-3	12.9	6.6	5.1

OVERSEAS TRADERS

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
238	125	Anglo Indonesian	233	-5	7.1	3.1	20.5
30	14	Boustead	28	● ..	0.7	2.7	7.3
145	77	Finlay (James)	137	-3	5.2	3.8	11.3
215	152	Gill & Duffus	157	+3	14.3	9.1	7.9
478	337½	Harrisons Crosfield	461	-2	25.0	5.4	21.3
458	275	Inchcape	438	..	25.9	6.0	25.0
44	25½	Jacks (Wm)	31	..	1.4	4.6	11.4
181	107	Lonrho	177	..	13.6	7.7	14.8
50	33	Ocean Wilson	43	-1	4.2	9.4	13.2
153	113	Paterson Zoch	128	-2	7.4	5.8	4.5
153	113	Do 'A'	128	-2	7.4	5.8	4.5
95	63	Sime Darby	74	+3	..	..	..
518	384	Steel Bros	518	+10	18.8	3.6	11.5
44	22	Tozer Kemsley	27	..	..	..	4.2

PAPER, PRINTING, ADVERT'G

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
111	78	Aldcom Int	98	..	1.1	1.2	57.1
205	116	Assoc Paper	191	● -5	7.1	3.7	11.9
47	30	Ault & Wiborg	36	-1	..	..	8.7
238	155	Bemrose	170	..	15.7b	9.2	7.4
713	388	Boase Massimi	685	-5	10.0b	1.5	28.3
215	139	BPCC	189	-5	15.7b	8.3	12.5
172	108	Brunning	163	-2	7.0	4.3	23.1
162	98	Do R/V	153	-2	7.0	4.6	21.6
505	195	Bunzl	483	-13	10.7	2.2	20.4
675	380	Cadbury Comm	640	r -5	8.6	1.3	30.7
291	203	Chapman	285	-5	11.6	4.1	14.8
125	82	Clay (Richard)	107	-1	5.0	4.7	21.0
125	88	Cropper (James)	121	+1	2.9	2.4	3.5
186	104	DRG	167	-4	9.3	5.6	13.3
129	76	E Lancs Paper	116	● -4	5.0	4.3	11.6
488	225	Eucalyptus Pulp	440	-5	7.0	1.6	30.0
185	98	Geers Gross	154	-2	5.7	3.7	22.0
260	140	Good Relations	243	-5	5.1	2.1	41.2
328	188	Lowe H-SC-E	281	-9	3.7	1.2	28.8
193	128	McCorquodale	185	● ..	7.7	4.2	11.9
103	62	More O'Ferrall	89	-2	4.9	5.5	12.9
22½	11⅛	Ogilvy & Mather	£22⅛	+½	..	..	..
45	33	Olives Paper	38	-2	0.5e	1.4	34.0
940	525	Saatchi & Saatchi	880	-30	17.2	1.9	23.7
151	116	Smurfit (Jeff)	138	-1	13.1	9.5	..
225	122	Usher Walker	195	-2	8.4	4.3	11.3
33	19	Wace	28	..	..	..	..
580	235	Waddington (J)	480	● -5	34.3	7.1	8.4
278	184	Watmough	268	..	7.8	2.9	12.7

PROPERTY

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
18½	13½	Abaco	15	-1	0.2	1.1	46.9
107	84	Allied Lon	105	..	2.4	2.3	12.0
130	100	Apex	109	-2	2.9	2.6	22.1
92	58	Bairstow Eves	72	r -2	2.0e	2.9	14.0
428	288	Beazer (CH)	378	-10	15.0	4.0	9.0
238	188½	Billiton (P)	224	..	14.8	6.6	18.1
370	275	Bradford	353	..	10.4	2.9	19.3
145	104½	Br Land	135	● -3	3.2e	2.4	18.2
160	124	Brixton	151	..	8.9	5.9	27.5
229	170	Cap & Counties	202	-2	7.0	3.5	20.2
23	12	Cardiff Prop	18	-5	2.6	1.7	..
235	138	Centrovincial	213	-3	8.6	4.0	18.3
425	350	Chesterfield	420	-5	13.6	3.2	28.2
153	123	Clarke Nickolls	153	..	8.7e	5.7	11.1
40	28	Control Secs	36	● -1½	4.5	12.5	8.1
111	70	Country & New	107	..	1.9	1.8	68.6
155	90	County 'B'	125	..	3.2	2.6	64.6
320	210	Cusdiss	220	-5	8.1	3.7	13.1
305	260	Daejan	305	..	17.9	5.9	8.7
200	200	Dark Dev	200	..	..	..	..
23½	11	Dares	18	-1	1.9	10.7	6.7
195	144	Espley Trust	195	-3	5.5	28.8	6.4
180	125	Estates & Agency	158	-2	4.3	2.7	55.8
94	81	Estates Gen	94	..	3.1	3.3	..
168	146	Estates Prop	148	-2	11.8	8.1	13.0
75	48	Evans Of Leeds	75	..	4.5	6.4	9.5
188	122	Fairview	155	-1	8.8	5.7	8.5
40	30	Five Oaks	37½	..	..	..	12.1
170	140	Gt Portland	150	● ..	7.9	5.2	24.7
214	150	Greycoat City	198	● -4	2.2	1.1	60.4
124	85	Hammerson Gp	122	-2	7.9	5.7	..
520	387	Hammerson 'A'	495	-10	11.4	2.3	41.3
520	458½	Haslemere	484	● -2	12.7	2.6	33.0
320	255	Imry	285	..	7.0	2.6	34.6
115	88½	Jermyn	100	..	2.3	2.3	18.5
302	234	Laing Prop	282	-4	8.2	2.9	23.4
41½	32½	Land Investors	35½	..	1.4	4.0	22.5
318	249	Land Securities	290	-1	10.7	3.7	38.1
313	215	Lon & Prov Shop	253	-5	5.7	2.3	24.4
184	113	Lon Shop Prop	132	-1	6.3	6.2	21.1
335	268	Lyndon	313	..	8.2	2.6	29.9
335	249	MEPC	312	-3	12.9	4.1	22.9
82	55	McInerney	69	..	..	..	..
118	87	McKay Secs	110	● ..	4.4	4.0	21.5
140	95	Markheath	95	..	13.9	14.7	11.0
75	52	Marlborough	52	-3	0.7b	1.4	..
145	113	Marler Est	135	+2	2.9	2.1	6.7
38	28	Milbury	82	..	7.7	9.4	3.8
300	210	Mountleigh	275	r -2	9.3b	3.4	11.4
343	228	Mountview	288	● -2	6.4	2.2	6.7
80	72	Muckow (A&J)	76	..	6.8	8.9	11.9
13	8	Municipal	£13	..	14.3	1.1	32.3
93	68	New Cavendish	80	● -1	1.6	2.0	58.7
28	8	Parkdale	27	● -3	1.4b	5.3	14.1
247	184	Peachey	242	..	10.0	4.1	17.4
188	156	Prop & Rev	188	..	5.5	3.0	35.2
126	84	Prop Hldgs	114	..	3.3	2.9	33.4
188	112	Prop Security	180	● ..	3.6	2.7	23.4
11½	7	Raglan	7½	..	0.1	1.7	21.4
88	78	Regalian	78	..	3.7	4.8	8.5
720	287	Rosehaugh	720	+5	4.8	0.7	23.0
286	204	Rush & Tompkins	210	-4	10.4	4.9	10.5
157	131	Samuel	147	..	7.9	5.3	19.6
92	79	Scot Met	79	-1	5.4	6.8	28.4
147	117	Slough Estates	130	..	6.1	4.7	17.9
190	133	Speyhawk	175	● -3	12.0	6.9	8.5
162	134	Stand Secs	158	● -4	5.2	3.3	21.3
78	71½	Sterling Guarantee	73	-2	1.7	2.3	31.5
435	303	Stock Conversion	420	..	8.8	2.0	25.1
78	45	Stockley	57	-1	..	..	..
48	35	Town Centre	39	..	1.3	3.3	28.9
198	148	Trafford Park	195	-1	14.3	7.3	18.2
555	440	Utd Real	500	-10	14.3	2.9	22.8
550	425	Warner	545	..	17.1	3.1	30.0
430	335	Warnford	415	-5	20.0	4.8	24.8
28	18½	Webb (Jos)	24½	+½	0.7	3.0	46.2
150	110	West & City	145	-2	10.7	7.4	6.4

SHIPPING

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
288	183	Assoc Br Ports	228	-3	12.1	5.3	8.1
241	183	Br Commonwealth	227	-2	5.3	2.3	34.9
223	143	Caledonia	219	-1	5.3	2.4	55.2
136	91	Fisher (James)	118	-1	4.4	3.8	14.7
700	518	Graig	615	..	17.9	2.9	72.4
103	65	Hunting Gibson	85	-1	8.6	10.1	4.5
81	47	Jacobs (JI)	53½	..	4.4b	8.3	45.7
6½	3	LOFS	3½	..	..	..	..
118	14	Lyle	14	r ..	..	..	..
62½	25	Mersey Docks	35	-1	..	..	1.4
140	105	Ocean Transport	137	+½	6.4	4.7	..
435	346	P & O Dfd	381	● -7	28.6	6.1	15.2
47	5	Reardon Smith	17½	..	..	..	2.7
115	75	Runciman (Walter)	75	-2	7.1	9.4	13.6
466	285	Turnbull Scott	290	● ..	11.4	8.9	..

SHOES AND LEATHER

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
242	188	FII	198	r -2	8.2	4.1	10.5
203	104	Garnar Booth	192	-3	11.1	5.8	6.5
48	33	Headlam Sims	33	-1	3.1	9.3	7.5
205	140	Lambert Howarth	200	..	7.2	3.6	8.0
133	70½	Newbold & Burton	99	-2	5.9	6.0	13.2
102	78	Pittard	94	-1	6.5	7.0	8.3
238	98	Strong & Fisher	149	..	5.7	4.0	6.7
180	80	Stylo	175	+2	3.2	1.8	39.8

TEXTILES

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
368	255	Allied Text	348	-4	11.4	3.3	11.1
155	80	Atkins Bros	104	-2	7.1	6.9	12.5
82	70	Beale (John)	78	● +1	4.6	5.9	9.8
104	58	Beckman (A)	93	-3	8.2	8.8	12.2
111	78½	Br Mohair	108½	-1½	4.8e	4.5	6.9
79	55	Bulmer & Lumb	78	..	6.4	8.5	6.5
65	19	Carpets Int	35	-1	..	..	..
167	91	Coats Patons	147	-3	6.9	4.7	8.9
72½	52½	Corah	64	-1	5.4	8.5	8.3
160	103	Courtaulds	136	-1	6.3	4.6	8.5
46	20	Crowther (J)	37	..	1.4	3.9	24.8
288	195	Dawson	278	-5	10.7	3.9	14.4
138	78	Dixon (D)	132	● -2	6.6	5.1	19.7
150	88	Don Bros	148	..	6.4	4.3	7.9
48	7	Dura Mill	35	r +2	0.1	0.1	..
51	28	Foster (John)	47½	..	3.2	6.8	7.8
110	74	Gaskell Broadloom	86	..	6.4	7.4	8.2
62	38	Hicking Pentecost	43	● -4	..	..	42.6
448	88	Ingram (Harold)	90	● -15	1.4	1.6	..
92	48	Jerome (S)	51	..	3.6	7.5	9.8
140	98	Leeds	136	-2	7.1	5.2	10.1
72	40½	Lister	61	+2½	6.1	8.2	16.3
118	68	Lyles (S)	79	..	7.9	9.9	12.3
88	55	Mackay (Hugh)	80	..	5.7	7.1	23.4
95	18	Munton	22	-1½	4.3	19.5	7.5
279	188	Nottingham Manf	240	-2	9.0	3.8	9.8
62	38	Nova (Jersey)	28	+1	2.1	7.6	4.9
117	85	Parkland 'A'	99	..	6.9	6.9	4.8
174	95	SEET	166	● -4	5.9	3.5	8.7
48	34½	Shaw Carpets	35	● -3	3.6	10.2	7.8
158	112	Sirdar	134	-3	4.6	3.5	11.0
38	27	Smallshaw (R)	38	..	2.9	7.5	5.4
37	27	Stroud Riley	35	● ..	3.2	6.7	8.0
98	62	Textured Jersey	68	..	5.7	8.8	8.4
173	88	Tomkinsons	123	● ..	7.1	5.8	11.6
88	33	Tootal	55½	-½	3.6	6.5	10.1
170	105	Yorkyde	137	-8	8.2	6.0	3.6

TOBACCOS

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
370	175	BAT	355	-3	12.8	3.6	9.5
210	133	Imperial	191	-3	11.5	6.0	11.9
165	110	Rothmans 'B'	187	-5	8.6	4.7	4.7

● Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. e Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. No significant data.

THE TIMES

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

White Paper fails to close legal loopholes

While yesterday's White Paper on financial services does much to tidy up the arrangements for supervising the City, it is impossible to avoid the conclusion that if legislation is enacted on the basis of the document, the financial vermin will still be allowed to scurry unhampered through the sewers. It is significant that these misgivings were to some extent shared last night by Professor Lawrence "Jim" Gower, whose review of investor protection laid the foundations for the present exercise.

The Government's riposte to such criticism is that the new law will be so flexible that the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry will be able to block any unforeseen rat runs without having to enact fresh legislation. That will place an even greater burden on the chairman of the Securities and Investments Board, who will in any case have his work cut out enforcing the White Paper's grandly-stated Rules for the Conduct of Business.

It is indeed a fundamental weakness of the proposals that they do rely so heavily on the personal abilities of the person occupying this post. Should at any time a candidate of the highest calibre not be forthcoming – and, of course, there can be no guarantee that such paragons will always be available – then investors will have to look to the principle of *caveat emptor* with a vengeance.

The White Paper does recommend that the SIB should operate *in tandem with a* Marketing of Investments Board covering prepackaged investments like unit trusts, life insurance and pensions. But they will share premises, and the Government is prepared to accept their being merged, as *The Times* has consistently argued.

These bodies will be set up by the DTI. In a piece of sheer Gilbert and Sullivan, the Secretary of State will appoint the chairman of the SIB with the agreement of the Governor of the Bank of England, while the Governor of the Bank will appoint the other board members – with the agreement of the Secretary of State! This is an inelegant compromise born of what is believed to have been a lively backstairs squabble between the Bank and the DTI.

The two boards will have considerable powers of patronage. Everyone who wants to carry on an investment business will have to obtain a licence from the relevant board, which will charge them however it pleases to meet its own running costs. The boards will recognize certain self-regulatory organizations, such as the Stock Exchange, to supervise on a day-to-day basis.

But no practitioner need be a member of these inferior bodies instead, he or she can choose to come under the direct control of the boards. This may have the effect of weakening the lesser bodies and fragmenting some financial markets.

For example, some licensed dealers are opposed to the National Association of Security Dealers and Investment Managers, and will now be free to stay outside its portals. And the possibility is raised that foreign securities houses interested in operating in this country will opt for direct licensing. Merrill Lynch and Nomura Securities will not need to join the Stock Exchange.

That need not in itself matter to anyone except the Stock Exchange Council. But it *will complicate the thorny question of* compensation for investors whose adviser goes bust. There may have to be some variation of the bonding system used in the travel trade.

This will be all very well as far as it goes for investors who stick to the tried and tested types of securities. The White Paper, through the exemptions it proposes, will give unscrupulous advisers and agents a strong incentive to tempt their clients off the beaten track and into savings vehicles which will not count as investments under the new law.

These are to include a business offered for sale as a single entity and, more worryingly, any physical object. This is particularly unfortunate, as it is investment in tangibles which has been so glaringly open to abuse by slick salesmen. The difficulty is that there is no easy dividing line between objects bought *wholly, partly or not at all as an* investment.

A painting or a diamond necklace could fall into any of these categories, depending on the purchaser's intent. But that does not mean that the law should not try to address the problem.

The other vulnerable area of exemption covers financial journalists working for bona fide newspapers. while writers of tipsheets must be licensed. It is possible to adopt the Post Office definition of a newspaper, but readers of newspapers do often act on advice they glean there and may feel aggrieved at not being able to pursue those newspaper journalists whose advice turns sour.

For those practitioners caught in the net, the White Paper's Rules for the Conduct of Business will seem not unlike the admontions for aspirants to the sainthood. However, the real nitty gritty, the definition of criminal behaviour, will be extremely hard to enforce, relying as it does on proof that the miscrean knowingly behaved in a manner likely to defraud, deceive or mislead.

That, like so much else in the document, will keep the lawyers busy for years to come. The tragedy is that investors are more likely to have to go to court to obtain satisfaction in future. The world of "My word is my bond" is fast being left behind.

Chancellor's narrow escape

Nigel Lawson has so far just escaped being labelled as the Chancellor of the Exchequer who presided over the highest level of real interest rates. But the record high in 1931, when Bank Rate was 6 per cent, albeit briefly, alongside a 6.5 per cent fall in the cost of living, somehow does not look as bad as the current situation.

The effects of today's real interest rate of about 9 per cent on business almost all promise to be negative.

According to the Treasury, interest rates have a direct and important effect on consumer spending. This has always been the view for spending on durable goods; now the Treasury's economists estimate that expenditure on non-durables is also affected because people save more.

The 4.5 per cent rise in base rates this month, if sustained, would, reduce non-durable spending by up to 1.5 per cent within two years, on Treasury simulations published last summer.

If the normal effects of higher rates on durable spending and investment, notably in housing, are added in, then the depressive impact of higher interest rates on the economy appears considerable. This month's base rate rise, if not reversed, could depress gross domestic product by 1.5 to 2 per cent in both 1985 and 1986.

The Confederation of British Industry, which published an optimistic industrial trends survey yesterday (taken before most of the rise in interest rates) has no doubts of the dangers to the recovery if the rise in rates is not quickly reversed.

The £1.2 billion cost of this month's rate rise in a full year must either be recouped *in higher prices*, choking of demand, or come out of profits and investment.

Naturally, we like to assume that 14 per cent base rates will last for weeks rather than months, let alone years. The climbdown from the present level could, however, be painfully slow.

Opec near to agreement on formula to reduce prices

From David Young, Geneva

A new pricing formula will be officially announced by Opec today, paving the way for Britain to set new prices for its North Sea oil.

The 13-member ministerial council of Opec yesterday agreed that the present $4 price span between its heavy and light crude oil should be narrowed, but in a move which typifies the organization's committee to work out details of how much the effective price cut will be.

The subcommittee, chaired by the Opec president, Dr Subroto of Indonesia, and made up of Qatar and Kuwait, representing the Gulf heavy oil producers, and Libya and Nigeria representing the light oil producers, has now come up with a formula which it is hoped will be accepted by the full Opec council.

However, there is still speculation that the psychologically important Opec benchmark price of £29 will remain, but with the present marker crude Arab light oil being replaced by one of the ultra light crudes. The effect would be a cut in real terms of world oil prices.

Dr Subroto said yesterday that there is now agreement on differentials. The likeliest outcome is that the price of light crudes will drop by $1.60 a barrel.

The new price structure will move light crude prices downwards, but still above their present spot market prices.

However, the agreement will give Britain and Norway scope for price reductions in North Sea oil without provoking suggestions from Opec that they are undercutting.

Opec hopes that the new price structure, coupled with its latest daily output of nearer 14 million barrels, will have an immediate firming effect on world oil markets which are already pricing oil for summer delivery at close to the $25 a barrel mark.

However, market dealers are suggesting that Opec's failure in Geneva to act decisively will not restore confidence in the cartel's ability to keep prices from falling further in the longer term.

● The City remained nervous yesterday as developments were awaited from Geneva. Share prices fell again, with the FT 30-share index, down 25 points at one stage, closing 16.6 down at 961.2.

The more representative 100-share index fell 16.5 to 1,249.3.

The fall came despite a steadier tone for the pound. Sterling gained 30 points to $1.1145 against the dollar, the sterling index rising 0.3 to 70.8.

Dealers said that the pound's progress depended on the *impact of the Opec agreement*, but that Monday's two point rise in base rates had taken the pressure off sterling.

The money markets, which opened higher, with some dealers predicting a rise in base rates to 16 or 17 per cent, settled down by the afternoon. The three-month interbank rate closed at 13⅞-13¾, below the new 14 per cent level for base rates.

Hanson fails in bid for Powell

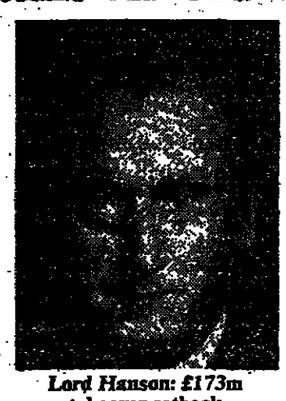
By Jeremy Warner

Hanson Trust's £173 milion bid for Powell Duffryn has failed. By 3pm yesterday, the six-for-three share exchange terms had received acceptances representing only 32.82 per cent of the fuel distribution to shipping and engineering group's equity and the bid has lapsed as a consequence.

It is the first takeover failure that the fast growing Hanson has suffered since its bid for G H Downing, the brick nanufacturer, was defeated in June 1981. Lord Hanson, the chairman, immediately dispatched a letter to his counterpart at Powel Duffryn, Lord Sandon, congratulating him on his company's spirited defence and wishing the company good fortune for the future.

Hanson also disposed of its existing 3.7 per cent stake in Powell.

Market observers took widely divergent views on the outcome of the takeover battle. Some saw it as a possible turning point for Hanson in that for the first time in many years institutional investors had turned their backs on an offer on Hanson shares. Another view was that it was evidence of the companu's ability to walk away from a takeover if it felt it was not getting a bargain.



Lord Hanson: £173m takeover setback

Hanson's defeat is a notable success for Powell Duffryn's chief executive, Mr John Franklin, and the company's merchant bank adviser S G Warburg.

On the stock market, Powell Duffryn shares fell sharply when the result of the takeover battle became known to close 30p lower at 395p. Hanson Trust shares closed 2p lower at 218p.

One option Hanson failed to take advantage of and which might have tipped the result in its favour was its right to buy up to 15 per cent of Powell Duffryn shares through the stock market for cash. But Mr Taylor said Hanson was not prepared to pay the high cash price necessary for such a market operation.

Hanson's bid was also hit by the sharp fall in share prices that set in after the 2 per cent rise in bank base rates on Monday.

Warship yards may seek listing

By Jonathan Davis
Business Correspondent

The Government has not ruled out the possibility of floating one or more of British Shipbuilders' warship yards as an independent business on the stock market.

A crucial hurdle on the way to privatization of the yards has been cleared with the much delayed decision, announced on Monday, to place two Type 22 frigate orders for the Royal Navy at Cammell Laird and Swan Hunter, the two yards that would be the hardest to sell to the private sector.

British Shipbuilders and its merchant bank adviser, Lazards, are keeping an open mind about how the seven warship yards up for sale should be packaged. Individual sales remain the most likely option.

Despite its new order, the Cammell Laird yard at Birkenhead poses particular problems. The Department of Trade and Industry is believed to have been overruled by the Cabinet in awarding the yard the frigate order. A shopfloor revolt at Cammell Laird was a key factor in the decision.

One option is to offer Cammell Laird to the private sector as part of a package with the Vickers nuclear submarine yard at Barrow-in-Furness.

The Government, which hopes to complete the sell-off by the summer of next year, aims to raise at least £200 million to £250 million from the warship yards.

Guinness Peat to buy 25% of Britannia Arrow

By Peter Wilson-Smith, Banking Correspondent

Guinness Peat has agreed to buy a significant stake in Britannia Arrow, the financial services group which owns Singer & Friedlander, from *Britannia's main shareholder*, United Kingdom Temperance and General Provident Institution.

The deal wil ultimately give Guinness Peat 25.2 per cent of Britannia'a equity in exchange for its own paper, leaving UKPI as a big shareholder in Guiness Peat.

Guinness Peat said it had no plans to bid for Britannia.

Mr Alastair Morton, chief executive, said the move was a good investment in retail financial services and fund management, areas where Guinness Peat wanted to expand. He did not rule out the possibility of merger talks at *some stage*

The deal appears to have come as an unwelcome surprise to Britannia

Guinness Peat is issuing shares worth £35 million and £12 million nominal of 9 per cent subordinated convertible debt to UKPI in exchange for 34.3 million Britannia ordinary shares and £10 million convertible loan stock. It will end up with 23.5 per cent of Britannia or 25.2 per cent on conversion of loan stock.

Australians buy stake in Chloride

By Ian Griffiths

Sir Michael Edwardes, who is *fighting off a £33 million bid* from BTR for Dunlop Holdings where he is chairman, could find himself at the centre of another takeover battle. An Australian company has bought a 14.9 per cent stake in Chloride, the batteries group, where he also holds the chair.

The Australian buyer is, ironically, Dunlop Olympic, which was formed by its ailing *British namesake at the turn of* the century. Dunlop Holdings sold its remaining shares in Dunlop Olympic last year, although there are still some trading links.

Representatives of Dunlop Olympic, one of Australia'a leading industrial products and marketing groups, met Chloride executives last week to inform them of their intention to *purchase the 14.9 per cent stake* from Conzinc Rio Australia for an indisclosed sum.

No mention was made at the meeting of any plans Dunlop Olympic had to increase the stake, although some observers believe that this might be the ultimate objective. It might also be the first step in formalizing links between the two companies in developing their battery interests.

● Dunlop Holdings has appointed Goldman Sachs, the US financial advisers, to look after the company's North American interests. A main objective will be for Goldman Sachs to keep the Dunlop board informed about its 5,000 US investors, who hold about 27 per cent of the group's shares. Dunlop also announced yesterday that it is reorganizing its engineering activities.

Unitary tax 'set to end'

California is likely to abolish unitary taxation of foreign companies by the middle of this year, Mr Dennis Brown, the assemblyman pushing an abolition bill through the state legislature, said yesterday.

Mr Ernest Dronenberg, chairman of the state board of equalization, which administers and collects taxes in California, said the bill would bring predictability back to the taxation of multinationals in California.

The British Government must decide by June whether to include a retaliatory clause in the Finance Bill. The US federal government has threatened to introduce legislation if no action is taken in California by mid-year.

Rank profit up

The Rank Organisation has increased pretax profits for the year to October 31 from £69.3 million to £105.3 million. Turnover fell from £742.9 million to £724.7 million. The final dividend of 7.2p makes 12p for the year, against 10p last time. **Tempus, page 19**

PCL buyout

The bosses of PCL, an in-house computer software business at the shipping group, P & O, are staging a management buy-out. The subsidiary, which is based at Rickmansworth in Hertfordshire and employs about 110, had turnover of £5 million last year. The deal is thought to be worth about £400,000.

Thorn EMI is boosting its computer software business by paying £2.4 million for EPS Consultants, which employs 300 people and claims to be the world's second largest supplier of support systems for mainframe microcomputers. Thorn will pay up to £3.3 million more depending on future profits. EPS earned £2 million on sales of £11.7 million last year and will be integrated into Thorn's computer software division, giving it total turnover of £30 million.

Cowan profit

Cowan, de Groot the toy importer and electrical wholesaler, made pretax profits up 7.5 per cent to £656,000 in the six months to October 31. The interim dividend was unchanged at 1p net. **Tempus, page 19**

Globe up 19%

Globe Investment Trust increased its investment income by 33 per cent to £25 million in the nine months to the end of December. Pretax profits increased 19 per cent to £18.6 million. **Tempus, page 19**

T & N chief

Mr Colin Hope, former Dunlop director, is taking over as group managing director of Turner and Newall in March.

Unit trust proposals welcomed

By Richard Thomson

The unit trust industry gave an enthusiastic welcome yesterday to the wider investment powers given to it in the Government's White Paper on investor protection. The White Paper proposes that authorized unit trusts should be allowed to offer a wider range of investments, equivalent to that already allowed to life assurance funds.

Mr Tony Smith, secretary of the Unit Trust Association, said: "We are agreeably surprised that the permitted range of unit trust investments has been widened so far". His views were echoed by unit trust managers who welcomed the new marketing opportunity.

The investment areas specifically mentioned by the government document include money market instruments, property and commodities. Until now, these investments were deemed too risky for authorized unit trusts, whose money comes mainly from small investors. The industry has long wanted wider investment power but had not expected such big concessions.

The industry also welcomed the White Paper's suggestion that insurance companies should disclose the full cost of commissions they pay to brokers on their life assurance schemes.

Carless hopes of takeover recede

Prospects of Carless, Capel & Leonard mounting a new takeover bid for fellow oil explorer Premier Consolidated faded yesterday.

Carless announced that it was not taking up its entitlement to new shares as part of a £16 million cash call from Premier, which will effectively dilute Carless's 15 per cent shareholding to around 11 per cent.

The holding is a legacy of Carless's unsuccessful £100 million bid for Premier which won only 32 per cent acceptances.

Mr John Leonard, the Carless chairman, declined to say whether the decision meant he had abondoned any future bid intentions. "The difference between having 15 per cent or 11 per is neither here nor there if we were thinking of bidding again. There is no great advantage in taking up the rights." *Nor would he say* whether he planned to place the existing stake.

Mr Roland Shaw, the ebullient chariman of Premier whose spirited campaign won the support of its large contingent of small shareholders, said he now felt "a lot more comfortable" following the Carless decision.

He believed that the American arbitrage specialist Mr Ivan Boesky, who had also built up *an 8 per cent holding in* Premier at the time the bid failed, had also decided not to take up his rights.

Shake-up at World Bank offshoot

From Bailey Morris
Washington

The British chief of the International Finance Corporation, the World Bank's private investment arm, has announced a shake-up of top management.

Sir William Ryrie the former high-ranking Treasury official, has been the IFC's executive vice president for just four months. Yesterday he informed the staff of the changes which he said would streamline management and bring new skills to the agency during its five-year campaign to more than double private sector investment in Third World countries.

The IFC has undertaken an ambitious programme, at the prompting of its board and influential member nations of the bank, to try to inject new vitality into sluggish Third World economies by promoting a wide range of private projects to supplement foreign aid.

Sir William said in an interview that the old management structure was "top heavy", and therefore not up to the new task of introducing new technologies to the Third World, promoting growth of capital markets, and establishing stronger ties to international corporation eager to invest in developing countries.

He sees a new role and need for merchant banks to become more involved, for example.

Under the new system, operations will be consolidated under three key vice presidents reporting directly to Sir William. Two of these will be brought in from the outside. Africa will receive special attention under the direction of Mr Sven Riskaer, a vice president who will develop a new long-term strategy for the region.

Mr Judhvir Parmar has been given enlarged responsibilities as vice president of all investment operations, bringing more than six regional departments under his control.

In an attempt to establish closer ties to the corporate world, a new post of vice president for corporate affairs and development has been created.

A third new vice presidency for portfolio and finance management has been created, and Sir William said he plans to recruit a candidate from the private sector.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

FT Ind Ord	961.2 (–16.7)
FT- A All Share	N/A
FT Govt Securities	78.40 (+0.38)
FT-SE 100	1249.3 (–16.5)
Bargains:	33,199
Datastream USM	104.16 (–0.63)
New York	
Dow Jones	1,273.7 (–4.09)
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	11,843.07 (+44.21)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	1,338.87 (–36.02)
Amsterdam:	192.2 (–2.7)
Sydney: AO	758.2 (+3.3)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1147.2 (+5.7)
Brussels:	
General	110.16 (–13.06)
Paris: CAC	195.6 (–0.4)
Zurich:	
SKA General	337.30 (+0.20)

GOLD

London fixing:
am $303.50pm-$303.25
close $302.50-$303
New York:
Comex $302.85

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:

Neapsend	11p +4p
Cifer	15p +2p
Microgen Holdings	910p +100p
George Dew	66p +6p
Amstrad	78p +6p
Siebe	540p +41p
Microvitec	70p +5p
MJI Corp	15p +1p

FALLS:

Espley Trust	18p –5p
Asoc Brit Eng	12p –2p
Harold Ingram	90p –15p
Mainmet Holdings	41p –5p
Britannia Arrow	98p –11p
Redfearn Glass	73p –7p
Newman Industries	*16.5p –1.5p*
GW Sparrow	33p –3p
Kean & Scott Holdings	57p –5p
Hunting Ass Inds	175p –15p
Breville Europe	12p –1p
Metal Sciences	12p –1p
Raybeck	24p –2p
Powell Duffryn	383p –32p
Saville Gordon	86p –7p
Audiotronic Holdings	6.5p –0.5p
Jones & Shipmand	53p –4p
Silentnight Holdings	40p –3p
Rockware Group	41p –3p

CURRENCIES

London:
£: $1.1145 (+0.0030)
£: DM 3.5380 (+0.02)
£: SwFr 2.9675 (+0.0110)
£: FFr 10.8114 (+0.0567)
£: Yen 283.30 (+0.95)
£ Index: 70.8 (+0.3)
New York:
£: $1.1145
$: DM 3.1755
$ Index: 146.2 (–0.1)
ECU £0.627834
SDR £0.878075

INTEREST RATES

London:
Bank Base: 14%
3-month Interbank 13⅞-13¾%
3-month eligible bills buying rate 13⅞-13⅝
US:
Prime Rate 10.50
Federal Funds 8 1/16
3-month Treasury Bills 7.84-7.80%
Long bond yield 104½-104⅝

Midland Bank Interest Rates

Base Rate
Increases by 2% to 14% per annum with effect from 28th January 1985.

Deposit Accounts
Interest paid on 7 day deposit accounts increases by 2½% to 11% p.a. with effect from 28th January 1985.

Monthly Income Deposit Account Service (MIDAS)
Interest paid will be increased from 11¼% to 13½% p.a. with effect from 25th February 1985.

Save and Borrow Accounts
Interest paid on credit balances increases to the above Deposit Account rate and interest charged on overdrawn balances increases by 2% to 23% p.a. with effect from 27th February 1985. **APR 25.0%.**

Budget Accounts
Interest charged on Budget Accounts increases by 1% to 20% p.a. with effect from 30th January 1985. **APR 21.5%.**

Midland Bank
Midland Bank plc, 27 Poultry, London EC2P 2BX

WALL STREET

	Jan 28	Jan 25		Jan 28	Jan 25		Jan 28	Jan 25
AMF Inc	15½	15¾	Exxon Corp	45⅞	46	Philip Morris	82⅛	82
AMR	39⅞	38¾	Fed Dept Stores	54⅝	54⅞	Phillips Petrol	47	48⅝
Allied Corp	37⅞	37⅛	Firestone	18⅞	19	Polaroid	28⅝	28⅛
Allied Stores	52⅝	52¾	Fst Chicago	24⅞	24½	PPG Ind	38½	38⅝
Allis Chalmers	7½	7¼	Fst Intrst Bncp	46	47	Proctor Gamble	55	55
Alcoa	38⅝	39¼	Fst Penn Corp	6⅝	6½	Pub Ser El & Gas	28	28⅝
Amax Inc	17¾	17⅞	Ford	48⅝	49⅝	Raytheon	45½	44⅞
Amerada Hess	24⅞	24⅝	GAF Corp	28⅛	27⅞	RCA Corp	38⅝	38⅛
Am Brands	64⅝	64	GTE Corp	43⅛	43½	Reynolds Ind	73⅞	74⅛
Am Broadcast	65⅝	68⅛	Gen Corp	37⅞	38⅛	Reynolds Metal	39	38⅝
Am Can	54⅝	54	Gen Dynamics	75⅝	76	Rockwell Int	35⅝	34⅞
Am Cyanamid	55	54½	Gen Electric	63½	63⅝	Royal Dutch	51	51⅝
Am Elec Power	21	21⅛	Gen Foods	54	54⅞	Safeways	28⅛	28⅛
Am Home	54⅝	53⅞	Gen Mills	49⅝	48⅝	SFE Sopac	27⅝	28⅞
Am Motors	4⅛	4⅛	Gen Motors	83⅞	83⅞	SCM	45⅝	46⅞
Am Nat Res	40⅞	43⅝	Gen Pub Util NY	11	11½	Schlumberger	38⅞	37⅞
Am Standard	34⅝	34⅝	Genesco	5	5⅞	Scott Paper	35⅝	35⅞
Am Telephone	21¼	21⅛	Georgia Pacific	25⅝	25⅝	Seagram	40	40
Armco Steel	11	11	Gillette	55	55⅝	Sears Roebuck	35⅝	35⅝
Asarco	19⅞	19⅝	Goodrich	29⅝	29⅝	Shell Oil	55	55⅝
Ashland Oil	27⅝	27⅜	Goodyear	27⅛	28	Shell Trans	31½	32⅛
Atlntc Richfield	43⅝	44⅞	Gould Inc	26⅝	26⅝	Signal Co	34⅛	35⅝
Avco	49⅞	49⅞	Grace	42⅝	42⅞	Singer	35½	35⅝
Avon Products	21⅝	21½	Gt Atlc & Pacific	15	15⅝	Smithkline Beck	59⅝	59
Bankers Tst NY	61⅝	62⅝	Greyhound	27⅝	27⅛	Sony	15⅝	15⅛
Bankamerica	19⅝	19⅝	Grumman Corp	27⅞	28	Sth Cal Edison	22½	22⅝
Bank of Boston	45⅞	45	Gulf & West	32⅞	31½	Sperry Corp	47⅝	47
Bank of NY	38⅝	37⅝	Heinz H. J.	41½	42⅛	Std Oil Indiana	56⅝	56½
Beatrice Foods	28⅞	28⅞	Hercules	36⅞	36⅝	Std Oil Ohio	42⅝	43⅞
Bethlehem Steel	19⅞	19⅛	Honeywell	61⅛	60⅝	Sterling Drug	28⅛	28⅝
Boeing	62⅝	60⅝	IC Inds	31⅝	31⅛	Stevens J. P.	19	19⅞
Boise Cascade	42	42⅛	Ingersoll	47⅝	47⅛	Sun Comp	45½	46⅝
Borden	63⅝	64	Inland Steel	24⅝	27⅛	Teledyne	266⅛	263⅝
Borg Warner	24⅛	24⅛	IBM	134⅝	133⅞	Tenneco	38⅝	39⅛
Bristol Myers	53⅝	53⅝	Int Harvester	10⅞	10⅛	Texaco	34⅝	34
BP	22⅞	23⅛	INCO	13⅝	13⅝	Texas East Corp	29⅝	30⅛
Burlington Ind	27⅛	28	Int Paper	56⅝	55⅞	Texas Inst	129⅛	130⅝
Burlington Nthn	55⅝	54⅝	Int Tel Tel	31⅛	31⅝	Texas Utilities	27⅛	26⅞
Burroughs	62⅝	62	Irving Bank	34⅞	34⅝	Textron	38	37⅝
Campbell Soup	61⅝	61⅝	Jim Walter	36⅝	35⅞	TWA	32⅞	32⅛
Canadian Pacific	41⅛	41	Johnson & John	37⅞	38⅞	*Travelers Corp*	40⅝	41⅛
Caterpillar	33⅝	33⅝	Kaiser Alumin	16⅛	16⅛	TRW Inc	79⅛	79⅝
Celanese	88⅝	89⅛	Kerr McGee	28⅝	28⅝	UAL Inc	46⅛	47⅛
Central Soya	18⅝	17⅞	Kimberly Clark	47⅝	47⅞	Union Carbide	37⅛	37⅝
Champion	24	24⅝	K Mart	38⅞	38⅝	Unocal	39	40⅝
Chase Manhat	50⅝	52⅝	Kroger	38	38⅛	Un Pacific Corp	45⅝	45⅞
Chem Bank NY	37⅝	38⅛	L.T.V. Corp	11½	11¾	Uniroyal	16	14⅞
Chevron	31⅞	31⅝	Litton	72	71⅝	United Brands	12⅝	12⅝
Chrysler	34	34⅛	Lockheed	46½	47	US Steel	27⅛	27⅝
Citicorp	43⅛	43⅝	Lucky Stores	18⅛	18⅝	Utd Technol	42	41⅛
Clark Equip	30	30	Manuf Hanover	37⅞	38⅝	Wachovia	33⅛	33⅝
Coca Cola	61⅞	62½	Manville Cp	6⅛	6⅛	Warner Lambert	37⅛	37⅝
Colgate	25⅛	25½	Mapco	28⅝	28⅛	Wells Fargo	52⅝	52⅝
CBS	77⅝	77	Marine Midland	31⅛	32⅝	Westnghse Elec	30⅝	30⅛
Columbia Gas	32	31½	Martin Marietta	48⅝	47⅞	*Weyerhauser*	32⅝	32⅝
Combustion Eng	34⅛	33⅝	McDonnell	75	75⅝	Whirlpool	47⅞	47⅛
Comwlth Edison	27⅝	27⅝	Mead	37⅛	38⅛	Woolworth	41⅛	42⅛
Cons Edison	30	30⅛	Merck	93⅝	93⅞	Xerox Corp	43	43⅝
Cons Foods	31⅞	31½	Minnesota Mng	83⅛	83½	Zenith	24½	23½
Cons Power	5⅞	6⅛	Mobil Oil	27⅝	27½	**CANADIAN PRICES**		
Control Data	36⅝	36⅝	Monsanto	44⅛	44⅝	Abitibi	33⅝	33½
Corning Glass	73⅝	72⅝	*Morgan J. P.*	43⅞	44⅝	Alcan Alumin	40½	40⅞
CPC Intl	38⅝	38½	Motorola	38	37⅛	Algoma Steel	21⅝	20⅝
Crane	33⅛	33	NCR Corp	28⅝	28⅛	Bell Telephone	37⅝	37⅝
Crocker Int	25⅛	25⅛	NL Industries	11⅛	11⅛	Can Pacific	54½	54⅝
Crown Zeller	34⅝	34½	Nabisco	50⅝	50⅞	Cominco	13⅛	14⅛
Dart & Kraft	88⅝	85⅞	Nat Distillers	26⅛	26⅛	Cons Bathurst	17⅝	17½
Deere	32⅞	32⅝	Nat Med Ent	26⅝	26⅛	Gulf Oil	17	16⅞
Delta Air	44½	44½	Norfolk South	64⅛	65⅝	Hawker/Sid Can	19⅛	19⅝
Detroit Edison	15⅛	15⅛	NW Bancorp	25⅛	25⅝	Hudson Bay Min	7	6⅞
Digital Equip	119½	118⅝	Occidental Pet	26⅞	26⅛	Imasco	50	49⅛
Disney	69⅝	69⅝	Ogden	29⅝	28⅝	Imperial Oil	45	44⅛
Dow Chemical	29⅝	29⅝	Olin Corp	33⅞	33½	Int Pipe	35	35
Dresser Ind	19½	18⅞	Owens-Illinois	41⅛	42	Mass.-Fergsn	3.75	3.00
Duke Power	29⅞	29	Pacific Gas Elec	16½	16⅝	Royal Trustco	17⅝	17⅛
Du Pont	50⅝	50½	Pan Am	4⅝	4⅝	Seagram	53⅛	53⅝
Eastern Air	4⅞	4⅝	Penney J. C.	50⅞	51	Steel Co	23⅝	23½
Eastman Kodak	73⅝	73⅝	Pennzoil	41⅛	42	Thomson N 'A'	53⅛	53⅛
Eaton Corp	59⅝	57⅝	Pepsico	42⅝	43⅛	Walker Hiram	27	26⅞
Emerson Elect	75⅛	75⅞	Pfizer	39⅝	39⅝	WCT	15⅛	15⅝
Evans Prod	4	3⅝	Phelps Dodge	17½	17⅝			

● Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Dow slips in early trade

New York (AP – Dow Jones) Shares remained lower in active trading earlier yesterday.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 3.87 to 1,273.96. The transportation average reflecting sharp drops for some of the airlines was also down 3.54 to 603.63.

Declines were 7-to-5 ahead of advances.

Mr James Joyce, research director at Prescott Ball & Turben, said: The stock market is consolidating some of its gains in part in response to disappointing fourth-quarter earnings results at several major companies."

However, he added: The market breadth continues impressive even though at the moment the declines are ahead of advances.

This consolidation could last several days. But the favourable trends in interest rates and the economy can support an eventual move to new high ground."

International Business Machines ½ at 134⅛. General Motors down ¼ at 83⅞. General Electric unchanged at 63½. Exxon unchanged at 45 ⅞. Teledyne down ⅜ at 266⅛. Johnson & Johson up ⅛ at 37½. Merck down ⅛ at 93.

General Mills was up 4⅞ to 54¾. Several leading brokerage houses recommended General Mills following its divestiture announcement. General Mills announced yesterday it was exploring the sale of its toy and fahsion business.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Three Month Sterling					
Mar 85	86.60	87.08	86.48	86.90	4077
Jun 85	87.20	87.90	87.18	87.88	329
Sep 85	87.99	88.03	87.99	88.30	23
Dec 85	88.35	88.35	88.35	88.65	3
Mar 86	NT			88.60	
Previous day's total open interest 7268					
Three Month Eurodollar					
Mar 85	91.20	91.20	91.13	91.16	3764
Jun 85	90.66	90.66	90.60	90.63	1001
Sep 85	90.10	90.11	90.05	90.06	185
Dec 85	89.63	89.63	89.57	89.59	51
Mar 85	89.17	89.18	89.17	89.20	21
Previous day's total open interest 12736					
US Treasury Bond					
Mar 85	73-11	73-11	73-01	73-07	1130
Jun 85				72.08	
Sep 85	NT				
Dec 85	NT				
Previous day's total open interest 2051					
Long Gilt					
Mar 85	101-21	102-16	101-15	102-08	4626
Jun 85	101-29	102-08	101-29	102-14	17
Sep 85	NT			105-26	0
Dec 85	NT			105-17	0
Mar 86	NT			105-06	0
Previous day's total open interest 5671					
FT-SE 100					
Mar 85	125.20	125.65	124.50	125.25	735
Jun 85	125.45	125.70	125.00	125.55	78
Mar 85	NT			125.85	
Previous day's total open interest 1004					

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY PRICES
Rubber in £'s per tonne; Coffee, cocoa, sugar in pounds per metric ton; Gas-oil in US $ per metric tonne.
G W Joynson and Co report

RUBBER
Feb 655–605
Mar 665–620
Apr 675–630
May 685–640
Jun 695–650
Jul 705–660
Aug 715–670
Sep 725–680
Oct 735–690
Apr/Jun 685–649
Jul/Sep 715–670
Oct/Dec 745–700
Vol 2 at five tonnes. 4 at 15

SUGAR
Mar 126.2–26.0
May 134.2–34.0
Aug 142.4–42.0
Oct 149.4–49.0
Dec 156.0–54.6
Mar 170.4–69.4
May 177.4–75.6
Vol 1736

COCOA
Mar 2184–81
May 2210–09
Jly 2203–00
Sep 2188–87
Dec 2070–69
Mar 2064–60
May 2065–50
Vol 811/13634
XV 5479

COFFEE
Jan 2341–40
Mar 2389–88
May 2400–2398
Jul 2422–20
Sep 2435–31
Nov 2448–45
Jan 2445–40
Vol 387/3238
XV 810

GAS OIL
Jan 23500–3300
Feb 22400–2375
Mar 21575–1550
Apr 21075–1050
May 20875–0800
Jne 20850–0825
Jly 20850–0800
Aug 21200–0500
Sep 21400–0200
Vol nil/3699
XV 971

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices: Official turnover figures
Prices in pounds per metric ton. Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER HIGH GRADE
Cash 1267.00–1268.00
Three months 1283.00–1283.50
T/O 7200

STANDARD CATHODES
Cash 1267.00–1268.00
Three months 1283.00–1283.50
T/O 100
Tone Barely steady.

TIN STANDARD
Cash 9770–9775
Three months 9800–9805
T/O 815

TIN HIGH-GRADE
Cash 9800–9805
Three months 9820–9830
T/O 60

LEAD
Cash 385.00–387.00
Three months 348.00–348.50
T/O 4450
Tone Steady.

ZINC STANDARD
Cash 742.50–743.50
Three months 741.00–741.50
T/O 2300

ZINC HIGH GRADE
Cash 785.00–788.00
Three months 780.00–785.00
T/O Nil
Tone Idle.

SILVER LARGE
Cash 558.0–557.0
Three months 576.0–577.0
T/O 24

SILVER SMALL
Cash 556.0–557.0
Three months 576.0–577.0
T/O Nil
Tone Idle.

ALUMINIUM
Cash 986.00–988.00
Three months 1020.00–1021.00
T/O 6300
Tone Barely steady.

NICKEL
Cash 4710–4712
Three months 4677–4680
T/O 906
Tone Barely steady.

LONDON GOLD FUTURES MARKET
In US $ per oz.
Feb 302.00
Apr 306.40–306.70
Tone: Quiet.
Vol: 399.

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES MARKET

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
Mar	£111.50	£112.85
May	£115.75	£116.85
Jul	£118.05	£–
Sep	£97.60	£97.85
Nov	£100.86	£101.10

Total lots traded
Wheat 409
Barley 123
The meat commission prices refer to Monday's trading.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Interbank opened nervously in response to talk of base rates needing to go to 16 or 17 per cent.

Offers of long-end money and buyers of the further sterling certificates of deposit maturities soon restored a degree of stability, even though it looked still somewhat fragile. Business by the end of the day proved to have been quite substantial.

Day-to-day money traded in the area of 14½-¼ per cent for much of the morning, but had come off to 13⅞-¾ by midday.

There was further decline to 12½-¼ per cent in early afternoon. The rate bounced up to 15-14 per cent shortly before the close, but receded to around 12 per cent offered at the finish.

Eurodollar deposits showed a firming tendency

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 14
Finance House 10

Discount Market Loans%
Overnight: High 14 Low 10
Week fixed: 14

Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 months 13⅞; 3 months 13⅞
Selling: 2 months 13½; 3 months 13⅝

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 month 13⅞-13⅞; 2 months 13⅞-13½
3 months 13⅞-13⅝; 6 months 12⅞-12½

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 month 14⅛; 2 months 14⅛
3 months 14⅛; 6 months 13½

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 13⅞-13½ close
1 week 14⅞-14½; 6 months 13⅞-13
1 month 14⅜-14⅛; 9 months 13-12⅞
3 months 13⅞-13⅞; 12 months 12⅞-12⅞

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 14⅛; 7 days 14⅛
1 month 14; 3 months 13⅞
6 months 13⅞; 12 months 12½

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 month 14⅞-14½; 2 months 14½-14⅛
3 months 14⅛-13⅞; 6 months 13⅞-13⅛
9 months 13½-13⅛; 12 months 13⅛-12⅞

Sterling CDs (%)
1 month 14⅛-14⅛; 3 months 13⅞-13⅞
6 months 13-12⅞; 12 months 12⅞-12⅞

Dollar CDs (%)
1 month 8.25-8.15; 3 months 8.35-8.25
6 months 8.60-8.50; 12 months 9.30-9.10

EURO-CURRENCY DEPOSITS %

Dollar: call 8½-7¾; 7 days 8⅝-8½; 1 month 8¾-8½; 3 months 8⅞-8⅝; 6 months 8⅞-8⅝
Deutschmark: call 5⅞-4⅞; 7 days 5⅞-5⅝; 1 month 5⅞-5⅝; 3 months 5⅞-5⅝; 6 months 6⅛-6⅛
French Franc: call 11-10; 7 days 10½-10⅛; 1 month 10⅝-10⅛; 3 months 10⅞-10⅝; 6 months 11⅛-11
Swiss Franc: call 2½-1½; 7 days 13⅞-13½; 1 month 5⅞-5⅝; 3 months 5⅝-5½; 6 months 5⅝-5⅞
Yen: call 6½-5½; 7 days 6⅛-6⅛; 1 month 6⅛-6⅛; 3 months 6⅞-6⅝; 6 months 6⅞-6⅛

GOLD
Krugerrand* (per coin): $311.50-313 (£279-280.50)
Sovereigns* (new): $71-72 (£63.50-64.50)
*Excludes VAT

ECGD
Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period 5 December, 1984, to 1 January, 1985, inclusive: 9.913 per cent.

APPOINTMENTS

GEI Packaging Machinery: Mr Michael H. Broadfoot has been made managing director.

President Entertainments: Mr Michael Montague has joined the board.

Kohlangaz Fire Co: Mr Philip Malkin has become sales and marketing director. Mr Ray Garrard is promoted to production director and Mr Mike Sutter is now financial director.

BXL Plastics: Mr Roger Smith will become managing director on March 1.

United Provincial Newspapers: Mr Frank Brett will succeed Mr Giles Cross as national advertisement sales controller.


Michael Montague: board post

National Westminster Bank's Africa, Middle East and India region – London: Mr Ken Freathy has been made senior regional manager.

Brown Knight & Truscott (Holdings): Mr Thornton Hawkins has become chairman.

The Life Offices' Association: Mr E. B. O. Sherlock has been made chairman and succeeds Mr M. H. Field. Mr R. F. C. Zamboni has been appointed deputy chairman.

British Gas headquarters: Mr David R. Atkinson, deputy chairman at Segas has been appointed director of finance from February 1.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Sterling spent a fairly calm trading session on foreign exchange markets yesterday.

After Monday's sharp rise in interest rates, the pound looked relatively steady, but the market undertone was uncertain as it awaited news from Opec.

The decision by the oil ministers to narrow existing price differentials was considered to be too vague for dealers to act upon until either clarification or any further developments were received from Geneva. With the meeting still under way when London closed, the pound ended 30 points higher at 1.1145.

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range January 29	Market rates close January 29	1 month	3 months
New York	$1.1125-1.1192	$1.1140-1.1150	0.51-0.47c prem	1.38-7.28c prem
Montreal	$1.4755-1.4840	$1.4780-1.4804	0.55-0.45c prem	1.46-1.28c prem
Amsterdam	3.9816-4.0053fl	3.9950-4.0000fl	2⅛-2⅛c prem	7⅞-7⅞c prem
Brussels	70.42-70.85f	70.62-70.73f	21-15c prem	62-51c prem
Copenhagen	12.5700-12.6275k	12.5975-12.6144k	3⅞-3ore prem	8⅞-8⅞ore prem
Dublin	1.1325-1.1380p	1.1377-1.1387p	2-19p disc	18-53p disc
Frankfurt	3.5212-3.5422m	3.5357-3.5400m	2⅛-2⅛pf prem	7-6½pf prem
Lisbon	192.15-194.01e	192.22-193.50e	150-400e disc	440-1280e disc
Madrid	195.00-195.65p	195.21-195.61p	45-20p prem	75-45p prem
Milan	2171.46-2184.60lr	2175.64-2183.17lr	par-1lr disc	3-9lr disc
Oslo	10.2070-10.2550k	10.2071-10.2274k	2½-1ore prem	4-2½ore prem
Paris	10.7840-10.8220f	10.8010-10.8215f	3½-2⅞c prem	8⅞-7⅞c prem
Stockholm	10.0720-10.1152k	10.0744-10.0946k	⅞ prem-⅞ore disc	⅞ prem-1½ore disc
Tokyo	282.86-284.25y	283.11-283.47y	2-1½y prem	5⅞-4⅞y prem
Vienna	24.75-24.88sch	24.78-24.81sch	15⅞-8⅞gro prem	46½-41½gro prem
Zurich	2.9600-2.9890f	2.9658-2.9686f	2⅞-1⅞c prem	6⅞-6⅞c prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up 0.3 at 70.8 (day's range 70.9-70.6).

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	0.9815-0.9835
Singapore	2.2055-2.2070
Malaysia	2.4855-2.4878
Australia	0.8160-0.8170
Canada	1.3263-1.3268
Sweden	9.0500-9.0650
Norway	9.1700-9.1850
Denmark	11.3200-11.3500
West Germany	3.1760-3.1775
Switzerland	2.6650-2.6670
Netherlands	3.5875-3.5890
France	9.7000-9.7050
Japan	254.35-254.45
Italy	1952-1954
Belgium(Comm)	63.42-63.47
Hong Kong	7.7960-7.7980
Portugal	172-174
Spain	175.25-175.35
Austria	22.20-22.22

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina peso*	243.18-243.83
Australia dollar	1.3643-1.3673
Bahrain dinar	0.4180-0.4220
Brazil cruzeiro*	3892-3915
Cyprus pound	0.7175-0.7275
Finland marka	7.4045-7.4225
Greece drachma	143.90-144.50
Hong Kong dollar	8.6902-8.7003
India rupee	14.00-14.20
Iraq dinar	n.a.
Kuwait dinar (KD)	0.3385-0.3425
Malaysia dollar	2.7705-2.7748
Mexico peso	225-250
New Zealand dollar	2.3717-2.378?
Saudi Arabia riyal	3.9680-4.0080
Singapore dollar	2.4584-2.4624
South Africa rand	2.27-2.28
United Arab Emirates dirham	4.0710-4.1110

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel. *Lloyds Bank International.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
169	119	Aberdeen	169	..	7.5	4.4	..
96	58	Alsa	92	● -2	2.0b	2.2	..
623	438	Alliance	620	..	20.7	3.3	..
139	88½	Amer	136	..	3.6	2.7	..
288	218	Ang Amer Sec	284	..	7.8	2.7	..
417	310	Ashdown	414	-1	11.7	2.8	..
102	75	Atlantic Assets	99	+1	0.7	0.7	..
93	67	Bankers	91	● ..	3.5b	3.8	..
183	130	Berry	178	-1	1.4	0.8	..
165	117	Border & Sthrn	158	-2	4.7	3.0	..
104	79	Br Amer Gen	103	..	3.7	3.6	..
206	140½	Br Assets	204	● -1	9.7b	4.8	..
30½	20½	Br Empire Sec	29½	-½	1.3	4.4	..
343	261	British Inv	338	-5	18.3b	5.4	..
71	55	Brunner	70	..	2.9	4.1	..
78	60	Charter Agency	77	..	3.1b	4.0	..
563	416	Continental	558	● +8	25.7b	4.6	..
178	125	Crescent Japan	164	..	1.1	0.7	..
400	275	Delta	400	..	..	..	..
109	80	Derby Inc	105	● -1	10.2	9.7	..
104	80	Do Cap	80	-3	..	..	..
287	241	Drayton Cons	278	..	12.7	4.6	..
148	88	Drayton Far East	148	-1	1.2	0.8	..
410	292	Drayton Japan	400	-2	1.4	0.4	..
395	256	Drayton Premier	389	-3	16.4	4.2	..
170	140	Dundee Lon	167	-2	6.7	4.0	..
208	148	Edin Amer Asset	206	+2	1.3	0.6	..
110	87	Edinburgh	108	..	3.7	3.4	..
276	210	Electric Gen	270	● -3	4.8b	1.8	..
242	192	English Int	236	-1	9.6b	4.1	..
75	52	English Scot	73	-1	1.6b	2.2	..
96	69	English NY	96	-1	3.3	3.5	..
92	69	F & C Alliance	90	..	2.4	2.6	..
157	117	F&C Pacific	153	+1	5.0b	3.3	..
200	162	Family	198	..	9.4	4.8	..
265	194	First Scot Amer	257	..	8.6b	3.3	..
245	169	First Un Gen	160	● ..	8.7	5.5	..
535	342	Fleming American	536	+10	6.1	1.1	..
260	185	Fleming Claver	252	● +2	12.4	4.9	..
258	180	Fleming Enterprise	248	-8	10.4	4.2	..
316	228	Fleming Far East	304	..	2.8	0.9	..
108	83	Fleming Fledgling	102	..	3.2	3.1	..
558	390	Fleming Japan	543	-2	4.3	0.8	..
117	50	Fleming Mercantile	112	-1	4.0	3.6	..
125	82	Fleming Overseas	119	● ..	3.3b	2.8	..
159	119½	Fleming Tech	154	● -4	3.1	2.0	..
309	215	Fleming Universal	305	..	9.8	3.2	..
142	99	For Col	139	..	3.8	2.8	..
181	120	GT Japan	173	-1	2.0b	1.2	..
578	438	General Funds	573	-2	12.9	2.2	..
252	184	General Cons	248	-2	13.1	5.3	..
117	77	Glasgow Stock	115	-1	2.8	2.3	..
267	187	Globe	255	● -1	12.9	5.0	..
215	178	Greenfriar	208	-2	2.3	1.1	..
275	167½	Gresham House	270	..	5.7	2.1	..
149	114	Hambros	147	-1	5.4	3.7	..
245	187	Hill (P)	244	..	13.2	5.4	..
525	360	Invest-in Success	516	-2	7.8	1.5	..
226	182	Inv Cap	222	..	5.1	2.3	..
64½	43	Japan Assets	61½	● ..	0.1	0.1	..
304	215	Lake View	255	-3	5.4	2.2	..
178	130	Law Debenture	173	..	7.1b	4.1	..
83	64	Lon Merchant Sec	71	● ..	2.8	3.9	..
100	71	Lon Trust	95	-2	3.9	4.1	..
99	70	Merchants	91	..	4.0b	4.4	..
187	121	Monks	183	● -2	3.4b	2.1	..
113½	85	Murray Income	111½	● +½	6.4	5.8	..
93	67	Murray Growth	92	..	2.0	2.2	..
123	88	Murray Intl	122	..	4.3	3.5	..
182	122	Murray Small	176	-3	3.3	1.9	..
284	225	Murray Venture	279	-2	6.3	2.3	..
393	303	New Court	391	..	20.4	5.2	..
73	58	New Darien Oil	70	..	0.4e	0.5	..
177	139	1928	169	-3	7.9	4.7	..
43	34	Nthrog Inc 83	37½	..	3.2b	8.6	..
378	258	New Tokyo	382	-1	2.1	0.6	..
305	222	Nth Atlantic Sec	300	..	4.6	1.5	..
138	108	Nth Sea Assets	113	-5	0.7	0.6	..
286	209	Nthn Amer	284	-2	7.7	2.9	..
137	97	Outwich	132	-1	4.1	3.1	..
37	34	Personal Assets	36	-1	0.6	1.6	..
324	243	Raeburn	321	● ..	13.8	4.2	..
132	93	River & Merc	128	-2	6.4	5.0	..
207	158	River Plate	208	..	9.3b	4.5	..
187	138	Robeco	185	-1	..	..	..
170	127	Rolinco	163	-5	..	..	..
250	185	Romney	244	-4	6.3	2.6	..
11½	9¾	Rorento	£10⅞	-⅛	..	..	..
308	237	St Andrews	305	-3	11.0	3.6	..
265	191	Scottish	256	● -2	7.4	2.9	..
229	174	Scot American	218	..	7.2	3.3	..
159	117	Scot Eastern	154	-2	5.0	3.2	..
383	270	Scot Mtge	382	-1	8.7b	2.5	..
228	188	Scot Nat	225	-2	6.1	2.7	..
129	92½	Scot Nthn	128	-2	4.7	3.8	..
373	285	Scot Merc 'A'	373	..	11.0	2.9	..
548	384	Second Alliance	548	..	17.8	3.3	..
119	84	Sec Of Scotland	118	-1	5.3b	4.5	..
71	51	Smaller Cos	69	-1	2.2	3.2	..
39	32½	Stewart Enterp	34	..	0.6	1.7	..
138	93	Stockholders	137	● ..	3.4	2.5	..
111	76	Tr Australia	92	-1	2.9	3.1	..
84	59	Tr City Of Lon Dfd	80	● -1	4.4b	5.5	..
150	121	Tr Ind & Gen	145	-3	4.8b	3.3	..
280	201	Tr Natural Res	246	-2	10.7	4.4	..
200	130	Tr North America	199	+1	4.9b	2.4	..
289	192	Tr Pacific Basin	284	-1	2.9b	1.0	..
140	107	Tr Property	134	-2	4.7	3.5	..
97	69	Tr Tech	95	-1	2.4	2.5	..
133	96	Tr Trustees	129	● -2	4.9	3.8	..
118	85	Temple Bar	115	-1	6.2b	5.4	..
229	160	Throgmorton	226	-1	9.3	4.1	..
273	211	Throg Secured Cap	250	-3	..	..	..
159	123	Trans Oceanic	156	● ..	4.6	2.9	..
117	80	Tribune	115	..	2.8	2.4	..
81	67½	Triplevest Inc	77	-1	12.4	16.2	..
208	153	US Debenture	197	-3	9.3	4.7	..
85	73	Viking Resource	73	-1	1.8	2.2	..
78	63	Westpool	68	● ..	2.8	2.9	..
96	60	Winterbottm Energy	94	● ..	1.0b	1.1	..
154	109½	Witan	148	● -3	3.8	2.6	..
276	207	Yeoman	263	-3	11.7	4.4	..

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
608	345	Akroyd & Smithers	400	● ..	23.6	5.9	15.5
39⅞	18⅛	American Express	£36⅞	● -⅛	..	3.7	23.5
23	16	Argyle	19	-1	..	..	..
105	64	Boustead	85	-1	..	..	..
115	83	Britannia Arrow	98	-11	3.3	3.4	28.2
113	77	C/R Pacific	109	-1	..	..	..
44	23	Do Warrants	36	-1	..	..	..
11⅛	8½	Daily Mail	£10⅝	● -⅛	55.0	5.2	10.9
11⅛	8½	Do 'A'	£10⅝	● -⅛	55.0	5.2	10.9
119	89	Electra	117	● -1	5.1	4.3	31.2
146	88	Eng Assoc	83	..	4.5	5.2	11.6
944	383	Exco	632	..	11.8	1.9	23.5
77	53	Exploration	73	..	4.5	6.2	11.3
12⅝	9	First Charlotte	10⅞	+⅛	0.1	0.7	65.5
875	670	Framlington	775	..	12.9	1.7	19.8
108	76	Frost (J.J.& D)	76	-2	4.3	5.2	11.2
39	42	Goode (D & M)	42	-2	1.8	3.4	9.8
645	357	Henderson Admin	615	-15	18.7	2.8	13.0
800	500	M & G	800	● ..	35.7	4.5	15.9
478	218	Martin (RP)	340	-3	17.9	5.3	8.2
457	247	Mercantile House	327	● -3	17.5	5.4	8.3
415	255	Mills & Allen	380	● -5	20.0	5.8	11.1
120	70	Smith Brothers	106	● -6	7.9	7.4	4.5
235	175	Yule Catto	225	..	7.9	3.5	10.2

AUTHORIZED UNIT TRUSTS

1984/85 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Abbey Unit Trust Managers, 1-3 St Pauls Churchyard EC4P 4DX. 01-236 1933			
133.1	97.5	American Growth	132.9	141.4	1.34
83.1	71.6	Cmdty & Energy	79.1	84.6	2.64
68.3	57.7	UK Growth	67.0	72.0	2.14
165.6	73.7	General	162.5	165.6	2.89
118.1	114.8	Gilt & Fixed Int	108.1	115.0	10.43
175.8	123.4	Japan	173.0	182.5	..
71.3	59.6	Hi Inc Equity	68.2	73.1	5.11
164.5	147.4	Worldwide	163.8	174.3	3.51
70.6	57.8	Assets & Earn	70.0	75.7	4.19
159.1	132.9	Equitas Prog	155.2	166.0	3.35
		Aitken Hume Funds (Man) Ltd, 30 City Road, London, EC1Y 2AY. 01-638 6011			
139.4	117.7	Secure Income	133.7	143.1	3.62
156.3	125.7	American Tech	145.2	155.4	0.10
72.6	54.5	Japan Tech	70.6	75.5	0.10
153.9	126.8	Pacific	139.2	148.9	0.59
170.9	150.2	Special Sits	165.4	176.9	1.46
60.3	49.5	American Mgrs	59.3	64.5	1.46
48.1	34.2	Energy Ind Fnd	37.4	40.0	0.40
29.3	24.3	Small Co Fnd	29.0	31.0	1.30
		Allied Unit Trusts Ltd, Hambro Hse, Hutton, Essex. 0277 211459/227123			
162.1	150.0	Allied Capital	167.0	178.6	2.09
162.3	135.1	Allied First	159.3	167.4	4.15
160.9	129.3	Asset Value	156.6	166.0	3.90
104.2	88.5	Growth & Inc	101.8	107.9	3.85
96.5	80.8	Technology	95.2	100.9	0.93
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COMPANY NEWS

● **MEGGITT HOLDINGS:** Year to Oct 31. No div (same). Turnover – figs £000 – 5,217 (3,823) trading profit 301 (loss 77). Pretax profit 354 (loss 181). EPS 3.6p (loss 2.6p). With the availability of surplus cash currently on deposit of over £2.5m, the group is in strong position to continue its development of the existing companies and to pursue further acquisitions. As a result, the board is optimistic about the future and believes the group is well placed for expansion during next 12 months.

● **HAYNES PUBLISHING GROUP:** Half-year to Nov 30 Int. 4p (3.5p) partly to reduce disparity. Sales (figs £000). 4,554 (3,599). EPS 9p (4.6p). Sales for second half have started running ahead of budget, with costs still under tight control. The board believes that results for the second half will also show further improvement over those for the first half.

● **ACCESS SATELLITE INTL:** Half-year to Oct 31. Int. 1p (50 per cent increase on fig indicated in prospectus). Turnover – figs £000 – 2,646. Pretax profit 1160. Tax 517. EPS 4.47p. In the US. sales are going well and Access's network of local distributors there are expected to increase substantially during 1985. Although the main thrust of Access's export activity is concentrated on the US at present, it has recently commenced supplying machines to Kuwait and distributorships in several other countries under negotiation. Trading in the second half is progressing well and the board looks to the future with confidence.

Cement Roadstone, the Dublin-based building materials group, is expanding in the United States with the acquisition of Callanan Industries from M&S Resources for $40 million (£36 million). Callahan, which is Cement Roadstone's largest acquisition to date and will double the size of its business in the US, is based in New York state and is involved in aggregates, asphalt, concrete blocks and Spancrete. Last year it made pretax profits of $8 million (£7.2 million).

● **IDC GROUP:** Year to Oct 31. Figures in £000. Final 5.729p, mkg 7.5p (6.734p). Group turnover 57,513 (41,771). Pretax profit 1,515 (1,071). Tax 163 (341). EPS 20p (10.8p).

● **FKI ELECTRICALS:** Agreement has been reached with the receiver, Cork Gully, for acquisition of Metamec by FKI for £900,000 cash. Matamec is "the largest manufacturer of clocks in the UK and the only significant producer of electronically-driven quartz analogue movements for time-piece and alarm applications" with a turnover of £4m last year.

● **DOM HOLDINGS:** Half-year to Sept 30. Int 1.725p (same). Turnover (figs £000) 8,598 (8,180). Pretax profit 530 (602). Tax 270 (209). Group profit was down as anticipated following the costs associated with the introduction of new products. Stabilization of these new product ranges is beginning to reflect on sales and profitability in the second half and an improvement in pretax profits for the year is anticipated. Investment in new technology, plant and automation is continuing.

● **A. KERSHAW AND SONS:** year to Oct 31. Final 11p, mkg. 15p (same). Inv. income – figs £000 – 5,062 (4,369). Tax 121 (206). EPS 14.15p (11.91p).

● **DAEJAN HOLDINGS:** Int. 5p (2.875p) for year to March 31 next. Increase in intm. solely intended to lessen difference between the int. and final divs. and should not be taken as an indication of any increase in total div. for the year.

● **KELLOCK TRUST:** year to Dec. 31. Div. 0.6p (0.35p) per ord. and 0.6p (0.35p) per variable rate conv. pref. share. Turnover – figs £000 – 3,536 (2,559). Pretax profit 726 (483). Tax 294 (250).

● **MICROGEN HOLDINGS:** Year to Oct 31. Final 7p, mkg. 10p (1p more than indicated in the Eurocom acquisition circular and 4 more than the 6p paid in 1983). Turnover – figs £000 – 18,233 (3,511). Profit before tax 3,020 (926). Tax 1,475 (491). The directors are proposing a bonus issue in proportion of a new 10p share for each share held and that each 10p share then be split into two 5p shares. Microgen, without Eurocom, was already budgeting for a substantial rise in sales and profits for the current year. With the added strength which this acquisition brings to the group, the board looks forward with confidence to another year of growth.

● **COURTS (FURNISHERS):** Half-year to Sept 30. int 1.75p (same). Turnover – figs £000 – 42,529 (35,478), pre tax profit 2,620 (2,815). Tax 1,076 (1,315). EPS 6.4p (6.2p) net basis.

● **EPICURE HOLDINGS:** announces the formation of a new company known as Electrolux Hotel Services. The Electrolux group of Sweden will be the majority shareholders and remaining shares will be held by Epicure and the Farnsworth company. The principal activity of the company will be the cleaning and maintenance of hotels throughout Britain with the possibility of servicing such groups in overseas areas as well. The new company has already entered into discussions with two British hotel groups. Prospects appear quite good.

Samuelson Group, suppliers of equipment and services to the film, television, audio visual and leisure industries, is raising £3.94 million net by a one-for-four rights issue to reduce borrowings after a year of substantial acquisitions. Samuelson's interim pretax profits rose 128 per cent to £1.2 million on turnover 24 per cent ahead at £10.9 million. An interim dividend of 2.5p was recommended and a final of 6.5p is proposed, an increase, after adjusting for last November's scrip issue, of 35.3 per cent.

● **HOME FARM PRODUCTS:** half-year to Dec 1 Int 1.15p (same). Turnover (figs £000) 13,917 (11,390). Pretax profit 387 (510) Tax 171 (265). EPS 4.69p (5.32p). During the past six months an additional retail freezer centre has been acquired in Sheffield and the size of the bacon packaging premises at Worksop been doubled by acquisition of an adjacent building. Present economic outlook indicates that trading in the second half will be more difficult than in the first, but there should be a moderate contribution to profits from the acquisition of Bowlers.

●**CAPARO INDS/BSC:** Caparo and British Steel corporation have agreed to form a new company, United Merchant Bar, in which 75 per cent of the equity will be owned by Caparo and 25 per cent by BSC. Caparo will subscribe during 1985/86 a total of £1.85 million cash in consideration for its 75 per cent

Merrill Lynch profits slump 59 per cent

Merrill Lynch the US financial services group has reported a fourth quarter profit of $29.6 million (26.6 million), reversing a loss of $42.1 million in the same quarter last year. But the company's full-year profits were down almost 60 per cent. Merrill's fourth quarter pretax income was only $7.9 million but a $21.7 million tax credit increased the quarter's profits to $29.6 million, causing some analysts to say they were disappointed with Merrill's results compared with the third quarter.

Third quarter pretax income was $23.3 million and net income was $24.5 million. But for the year as a whole Merill reported that net income slumped by 59 per cent to $95.3 million or $1.03 per share.

In a statement explaining the 1984 results, Mr Roger Birk, the chairman of the group, and Mr William Schreyer, chief executive, said: "We have come through an exceedingly difficult year. It was marked by a reluctance of individual investors to participate in the equity markets, by high volatility in the fixed income markets, and by extreme competitive conditions."

E. F. Hutton, another large banking and brokerage company, reported fourth quarter earnings of $24.3 million, almost triple the same period in 1983. Revenues for the quarter rose 45.7 per cent to a record $253.7 million in insurance revenues.

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Equities take another battering as profit takers cash in

By Derek Pain and Pam Spooner

Equities suffered another battering yesterday. The weak pound, interest rate worries and the oil price shambles combined to leave the stock market fragile and jittery.

Although there was again a late afternoon rally as bargain hunters took the view that shares were oversold, selling was, on occasions, once more heavy as investors took the opportunity to cash in at least some of the considerable profits they have made in the market's heady run-up.

Matthew Clark and Sons, the Martell cognac brandy to de Kuyper liqueurs group, eased 33p to 465p yesterday. Mr Mark Godridge and Mr Nick Gregory, analysts at de Zoete and Bevan, the stockbroker, describe the shares as "inexpensive, a unique investment and, unfortunately, a tight market. A share basis they add, "seems a distinct near-term possibility".

At its worst point the FT 30 share index was down 25.4 points. It closed at 961.2 points, a 16.7 points decline. The FT-SE share index, which embraces 100 stocks, was at one time 24 points lower. It ended at 1,249.3 points, down 16.5 points.

When yesterday's selling was at its height, there were deep fears in the market that another interest rate increase could be imminent. Some, unconvinced that a 4½ percentage point advance already this year, fretted about the possibility of base rates being forced up another three points.

As worries about an immediate rise subsided, there was a tendency to count the cost the higher rates have already inflicted on commerce and industry and consumer related shares took a pounding.

Government stocks, however, provided a flicker of cheer on yeild considerations. Although mixed for most of the day they closed with a modest flourish – higher by up to £⅞.

American buying, which has been such a feature this year as the tumbling pound has encouraged transatlantic interest, was not particularly evident yesterday.

Oil shares kept a relatively firm front yesterday, even though problems in the oil industry are at the root of the current troubles for sterling, interest rates and, ultimately equity values. The City is rethinking its rating of the sector.

British Petroleum staged a comeback following news that it is to close part of its German refining operations. The rationalization will cost 800 jobs there and £135 million.

But it will reduce downstream losses, bringing back about £40 million to £50 million of net earnings each year. That consideration, and the fact that this move by BP is the first closure of up-to-date capacity, brought pennies back to the share price. Analysts see the news as a welcome piece of realism by BP.

By the close BP shares were just 4p lower at 501p, having touched 495p earlier in the day.

Elsewhere in the sector, there were pennies taken from **Britoil, Burmah, Enterprise, Lasmo, Shell, Tricentrol and Ultramar. Falcon Resources** went against the trend to 332p, but later settled for a 2p gain to 324p as the company made formal announcement of the death of its chairman, Lord Harlech.

Premier Consolidated Oilfields eased 1½p to 43p as **Carless Capel and Leonard**, which earlier this year made an unsuccessful bid for the company, decided not to take up its share of PCO's £16 million rights issue.

Mr Ian Boesky, the American arbitrageur, sold 2.5 million PCO shares last week and now has about 10 million. He acquired his shareholding during the CCL bid and backed the offer.

Fergabrook shares have held up well against the downward pull of the present stock market mood. Lewis Galoob, the US supplier of the highly sucessful A Team toy range, has finally taken a near 5 per cent stake in the British toys distributor. Fergabrook shares rose pennies in recent days, but yesterday slipped 2p, back down to 101p, as the buying came to a halt. The shares were placed at 74p each last September.

BSG, the old Bristol Street Motors group, slipped ½p to 23p, but the shares have stayed remarkably firm in the past two days. Market expectations of bid news remain high.

Haden, the building and industrial engineers, went against the trend, rising 4p to 190p on the back of speculative support.

Electricals looked a touch brighter than on Monday, although second-line shares were still heading downward. **Racal** managed a 2p gain to 204p, a small recovery after the heavy markdown which followed last week's profits news.

GEC displayed more firmness, rising 4p to 200p on market appreciation of the company's cash mountain. Higher interest rates do no harm to Lord Weinstock's group.

Plessey slipped just 2p to 180p, having touched 178p at one stage, but **Thorn EMI** found the going tough and fell 12p to 422p.

Oceonics was among a handful of smaller companies to resist the downward movement. The shares gained 5p to 130p. But **Crystalate Holdings** wavered ahead of today's annual meeting. By the close the Crystalate price was 5p down at 218p.

Meggitt Holdings, the machine tool company being revamped by a new management team, slipped 2p to 75p alongside yesterday's much anticipated profit news. As predicted, the company is comfortably back in profit after four years of losses.

Mr Ken Coates, one of the two high-flying directors who took on Meggitt after their success at Flight Refuelling, said: "We are still very acquisitive, and we are looking at a couple of things right now. Nineteen-eighty-five will be a significant year for Meggitt".

Neepsend, the Sheffield-based engineers, rose 1½p to 11p yesterday, having been one of the biggest losers in the fall of prices on Monday. The company is looking vulnerable again after half year losses of £102,000, caused by difficulties for the Canadian businesses. Yesterday's fillip for the share price was put down to possible takeover moves for Neepsend, but it looked more like a rally from weakness.

Paint makers retained some of the gloss in the midst of yesterday's dullness. **Leyland Paint & Wallpaper**, long the object of takeover speculation, was unchanged at 32½p by the end of the day, as an early markdown disappeared. The shares have been trading close to best levels in recent weeks.

Manders (Holdings) was also firm, rising 1p to 172p, and **Dufay Bitumastic** showed a similar gain to 138p.

Lonrho, the international trading group, was unchanged at 177p ahead of results due tomorrow. The market expects a near 25 per cent advance to £140 million with a year's dividend of 11p, putting the shares on an 8.9 per cent yield.

Chloride rose 1p to 30p as **Dunlop Olympic**, the former Australian off-shoot of troubled Dunlop Holdings, acquired a 14.9 per cent shareholding.

A. G. Stanley, the do-it-yourself group, was unchanged at 43p as the Berger paint group lifted it shareholding to 23.8 per cent. Berger, a subsidiary of the West German Hoechst chemical group, has been steadily increasing its Stanley stake in the past year or so.

Rank Organisation, which yesterday reported a 52 per cent profit advance, has not won many brownie points among the City's analysts. Instead of the normal meeting within hours of the profit announcement, the City's researchers must wait until today to meet Rank's top management. And to pile on the agony, Rank has fixed a breakfast-time get-together.

Stone International, the systems engineering group which came to the stock market in October, was unchanged at 149p as Globe Investment Trust sold its 7.2 per cent shareholding. The shares were placed, at 155p, with institutional shareholders by Panmure Gordon and Co., Stone's stockbrokers.

Microgen Holdings provided glamour in the hi-technology sector, jumping 100p to 910p alongside the sprightly trading news and scrip issue. But Logica, the software design and service group, dropped 10p at one stage as the market encounteded a large seller of the shares. By the close, the price recovered to 342p, down just 7p on the day.

Profit-taking hurt takeover hopefuls and other high-flyers in the sector, with **Norman Group** down 1½ at 80½p and Dee Corportation 7p lower at 187p. **Argyll Group** dipped 4p to 271p.

Traded option highlights

Business on the traded options market continues at a brisk level, keeping up with the strong flow of bargains on the main stock market floor. There were 13,807 contracts traded yesterday, with the market index and British Telecom options still dominating the actions.

For the FT-SE 100 contract there were 2,125 put options and 1,083 calls going through the books. More and more investors and hedging against further falls in equity prices, and others are taking a pessimistic view and putting their cash on it.

In BT contracts, 1,998 calls and 908 puts were traded, alongside yesterday's faltering in the underlying share price.

Other large trades included Imperial Group and Hanson Trust. Dealers handled 707 options in Imps. 749 in Hanson, including 577 calls in the latter.

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TEMPUS

Revitalized Rank still faces City sceptics

It was difficult to find fault with the preliminary announcement from the Rank Organisation yesterday. Profits, earnings, dividends and share price all moved upward. The new management, which has been so successful at tidying up operations and improving efficiency is still, however, faced with the problem of convincing the City that it knows exactly what it wants to do next.

Much as Sir Patrick Meaney, the chairman, and his chief executive Mr Michael Gifford would like to emphasize the strength and potential of existing core businesses, there is still a feeling that, for a company with such diversified interests, the only way forward is through acquisition.

It is a powerful argument but one which should not be pushed too rigorously in Rank's case. Certainly, in the year under review, Rank saw the benefits of cutting out its loos-making interests. However, the group also made substantial gains from the core businesses through attention to efficiency and by focusing marketing efforts much more effectively.

Group pretax profits rose from £69.3 million to £105.3 million. With the marked exception of the holidays and recreation division (and discounting the discontinued businesses) this was achieved by an improved performance across the board.

Although group turnover fell during the year the underlying sales growth in continuing businesses was 15 per cent. This confirms Rank's belief that its existing assets can be made to work more effecively.

In the present year the group should also see some benefit from the steady reduction in borrowings, which must now be down to about £60 million.

Rank still has perhaps one more year in which it can improve profits rapidly on the back of stronger management, increased efficiency and marketing, reduced borrowings and rationalization. Beyond that it may be forced to look more closely at acquisitions to maintain the pace.

To the current management's credit, it has breathed life back into Rank effectively and swiftly. It would therefore be a little unfair to expect dramatic growth as a matter of course. At the same time, though, Rank cannot afford to limit its horizons in terms of where that growth can be generated

The shares closed up 6p at 318p. There is still enough potential to make them attractive, particularly on a longer term view.

Globe Investment

Bull markets in Britain have provided Globe Investment Trust with sufficient cash for it to increase its US and Japanese exposure. Overseas Investment, particularly in the US, has underperformed in the third quarter to December, but Globe reckons it is set to rise this year.

Total income for the nine months to December has jumped almost a third to £25 million, giving a pretax increase of almost 20 per cent to £18.6 million. Globe warns against expecting this trend to continue during the current final quarter, but says there should be enough to increase the dividend at least in line with inflation.

The problem facing most investment trusts now is whether they should join the first round of the City revolution, of sit back and wait for the second wave. Globe must be a tempting morsel for anyone building a financial service group. There has been no shortage of offers for its investment management group, Tyndall.

These Globe has declined, but admits that one day someone may get fed up and bid for the whole group.

Globe itself has no intention so far of entering the Stock Exchange mêlée, but has plans to set up its own dealing operation next year and await the fall-out from the first wave of mergers.

Cowan, de Groot

Hopes that Cowan, de Groot would breach the £1 million profit mark this year, in its slow climb back to health, now look premature. Pretax profits in the vital first six months rose by only 7.5 per cent to £656,000 on marginally lower turnover.

Cowan, de Groot toys and giftware suffered from the weak pound and two dock strikes, which hurt pre-Christmas sales. Toys ordered in Hong Kong at an exchange rate of HK$12 were imported at a rate of HK$9.50 and the company has no forward cover on currency.

D. Dekker, which sells merchandise based on television personalities and the like, was again the bright spot, generating 60 per cent of profits.

The reception, at the Harrogate toy fair was excellent and the company has made record sales of toys.

However, the gains will not show through until the first half of 1985-86. This year's profits are unlikely to do much more than inch ahead of last year's £880,000. The shares, down 1p at 39p, sell at 7½ times prospective earnings, a rating which does not anticipate much recovery.

After five years in which the toy industry has been torn apart, and profits have been poor, the market is waiting to see the upturn before it rerates the shares. They yield 7.3 per cent on an unchanged dividend.

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GALLAHER

Sales and profits at record levels from a wider and stronger spread of interests

Sales and profits before tax were again at record levels in 1984, with sales 10% ahead at £2,839m and profits 7% up at £108m.
Excluding the four years of optical back payments in 1983, the overall profit increase was 16%.

Summary of Results for year ended 31st December, 1984 (unaudited)

	1984 £ million	1983 £ million
Group Sales	2,839.1	2,579.7
Group Trading Profit	122.2	110.4
Interest Charges	(14.0)	(9.3)
Group Profit (before Taxation)	108.2	101.1

Tobacco

Volume sales of Gallaher cigarettes manufactured in the UK were 1% ahead. The benefit from a good domestic market share and a strong rise in exports more than offset a decline in the total UK market. Benson and Hedges Special Filter and Silk Cut continue to dominate their sectors.

Gallaher cigar sales in the UK were also up, with Hamlet further strengthening its position as market leader. Pipe and roll-your-own tobacco markets were depressed, but the Group's market share rose, with Mellow Virginia and Clan both strong.

Overseas tobacco companies were just ahead of 1983. A better performance by Gallaher (Dublin) more than offset lower profits from Niemeyer, affected by price competition in the West German market.

Optical

Results for the full year showed a positive trend after excluding all DHSS back payments. In the UK, volume increased in a changing market. Both the Italian and Spanish companies had good years.

Engineering

Stronger demand both at home and abroad, plus the benefits of reorganisation, are reflected in the profits rise of 57% to £6.6m. Mono and Saunders Valve both achieved notably better results after a long period of reorganisation. The Italian subsidiary, FIP, increased sales volume, but margins remained under competitive pressure.

Distribution

All the major companies performed well. Overall results would have shown a greater increase but for the cost of reorganising certain activities. The newly acquired drinks and food vending business, Vendepac, had a good year.

Office Products

The Ofrex Group achieved sound progress with profits markedly up on 1983. Particularly good results were achieved by Rexel, Eastlight and Lawtons. The overseas companies were also well ahead, and there were important gains in export markets.

Housewares

The Prestige Group had a good year. Results for the seven months since acquisition were up to expectations and provided a satisfactory net contribution after acquisition financing costs.

Outlook for 1985

Gallaher enters 1985 with a wider and stronger spread of activities in the UK and overseas. It is well positioned to make further progress provided domestic taxation of tobacco products is held at a realistic level.

S. G. CAMERON, CHAIRMAN

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Should stamps, bonds and old bank notes be viewed as an investment or merely as collectors' items? Maggie Drummond reports

How to wrap up those paper profits

PRECIOUS INVESTMENTS

Collecting for pleasure is an option, but using your money for tangible investments carries its own risks if you need to realize capital quickly. In the second part of the series on Precious Investments, the pitfalls of paper assets are examined





The optimistic investor hopes the present Chinese Government will honour payment of this bond; and (right) the first 20th century £1 note dated 1914

You won't go bust with these bonds

Financier Jim Slater once said that what you really needed for financial survival were supplies of baked beans, Krugerrands and a shotgun. But if you wanted to get up and go with your assets you might attract an unwanted amount of attention at Heathrow with that little lot.

The essence of the portable portfolio is surely that it is high in value and light in weight – something you can fold up and put in your pocket should you need to turn your back on a foresaken spouse or the taxman.

In pre-Thatcher days when the UK had tight exchange regulations controlling the movement of cash abroad, putting your money into stamps and carrying it through Customs was a supposedly popular, illegal, pastime for the well heeled and worried. Nowadays, apparently, it's the South Africans who are playing this game.

But portable paper assets clearly have their hazards – and not just the risk of losing money in an inflated market. They are easily lost, stolen or destroyed.

Late-night movie addicts will no doubt have seen a film called *Charade* with Audrey Hepburn playing a deceased villain's widow. She spent at least an hour and thirty minutes trying to find the ill-gotten gains he swore he had left her, pursued all the while by the FBI. Only in the final reel did it emerge that the cash was all in the stamps on the envelope of his farewell letter.

Miss Hepburn lost the money but got the man from the FBI. Since he was Cary Grant, perhaps it wasn't such a bad deal . . .

Stamps are by no means the only portable paper asset on offer to the individual. There is a risk though much less well-established and therefore potentially more speculative market in "busted bonds" and old banknotes. Prices of busted bonds and old share certificates reached dizzy heights before slumping some six years ago, but are still interesting collectors' items.

Of interest are bearer securities issued in the early part of the century by the pre-revolutionary governments of China, Russia and other Eastern European countries which became "busted" when new regimes simply stopped payment on the loans. Many of these old bonds are very beautiful, particularly the Chinese ones. And early share certificates of companies such as American Express (signed by Mr Wells and Mr Fargo) and Standard Oil (signed by J D Rockefeller) are also popular with collectors.

"People really started buying them for decoration", says Keith Hollander, of Old Bond Street dealers Herzog Hollander, which held an exhibition of old bonds and share certificates in the Stock Exchange last spring. "You can still buy a framed bond or share for less than £500. But prices for certificates with a really famous signature can fetch up to £1,500.

"The main attraction is they are decorative, historically interesting and they don't make them like that any more. The main problem with them as portable assets is that it is a very small market and you don't really put large quantities of cash in it. But they are prettier to look at than most stamps."

A complete collection of Chinese bonds, the most sought-after issues, would fetch between £100,000 and £150,000, which is small beer compared with say, an important stamp collection. Keith Hollander emphasises that these items should be primarily regarded as collectibles.

He has compiled a portfolio of busted bonds that a potential investor could buy for £1,000. This comprises the following: Honan Railway 1905, face value £100; Hukuang Railway 1911, face value £100; Canton-Kowloon Railway 1907, face value £100; City of Dresden 1927, face value £100; Republic of Estonia 1927, two bonds, one with a face value of £500, another with a face value of £1,000; Confederate State Cotton Bond 1863, face value £1,000; Moscow-Smolensk Railway 1869, face value 500 Talers.

But the Chinese bonds, upon which interest ceased being paid in 1938, are pounced on by speculators every now and again in the hope that the new pro-western regime in China may decide to pay off some of these old debts. The really important thing in any collectors' market, according to Keith Hollander, is rarity and condition.

"Some of these bonds are still quoted on the Stock Exchange but the ones you will get there will be pretty battered and have no real value as a collectors' item."

> "No one who has invested in old banknotes has lost money"

careful", says Barnaby Faulls. "People have been known to iron or steam pound notes to tart them up. It's not a megabuck market but you can buy big denomination Bank of England notes at £1,000 each.

"Of course there are plenty available at much lower prices. No one who has invested in old banknotes with us has lost money", he says.

He recommends pre-1920 Bank of England notes or the black-and-white series issued during the 1930s and 1940s. "You can buy the £500 black-and-white notes for between £2,500 to £3,500 depending on condition", he says. "The £100 note has a value of between £250 and £350. Condition is crucial, and investors must watch out for fakes. The Germans churned out a lot of fake black-and-white notes during the First World War and I see nearly as many of those as the real ones."

No tracing offshore investments

Bearer bonds – unregistered securities where the capital and interest is claimed by whoever has them in his hand – have a long history in Europe where anonymity seems to have been much more important to the individual investor than it is here.

The most widely-held form are Eurobonds – huge sums of capital raised by countries or major corporations in a variety of currencies aimed primarily at big institutional investors.

But individuals who want their cash off shore and untraceable can buy Eurobonds. Any of the big London stock-broking firms will buy them for you, though few would actually recommend them as the best thing for the private investor. In practice you would probably have to deal in a minimum of £5,000 and even then probably pay a little over the odds in terms of price and commission to buy into what is a very big boys' market. But the international bond market is huge, unregulated and anonymous.

One attraction is getting your money into an alternative currency if you do not like your own. Buy Eurodollar bonds for instance and you are putting your trust in the continuing strength of the dollar. Another attraction is that the interest paymepts are paid gross – without deduction of income tax on presentation of the coupon attached to the bond.

In a truly international, as opposed to just a British domestic crisis, bond markets would be one of the first to collapse. That's when you could be better off with other kinds of portable assets. Like Mr Slater's baked beans.

Portable paper assets clearly have their hazards – and not just the risk of losing money in an inflated market. They are easily lost, stolen or destroyed – and if you should die suddenly your nearest and dearest may simply not know the value of those funny-looking things hanging in the bathroom.

TOMORROW

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STAMPS

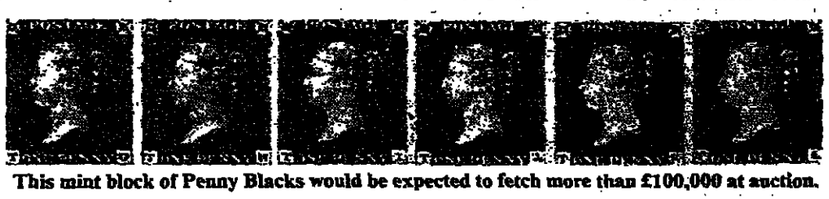
Reputable stamp dealers steer clear of describing their wares as good investments, emphasizing that stamps should always be bought as collectors' items and not for a quick profit. It is easy to see why. In the 1970s stamp values, particularly those of British stamps, rose massively as speculators moved in. City money went into stamps and smaller investors followed.

There was a tremendous vogue for alternative investment which pushed up the value of the whole range of collectors' items, most notoriously stamps. Why should one hold cash assets such as shares and building society accounts when inflation was thundering away at 20 per cent a year?

Richard West, editor of *Stamp Magazine* says: "It became very fashionable to believe stamps were a good investment. In the late 1970s this led to the creation of a false market with investors forcing prices up way above collectors' limits. Then the investors decided to sell and prices fell dramatically by the start of the 1980s.

"A lot of people made losses. It caused a great deal of bad feeling in the industry and it is only now that prices are beginning to recover to real collectors' value."

With these warnings in mind stamps can still be a good bet for someone who



This mint block of Penny Blacks would be expected to fetch more than £100,000 at auction.

> "Anyone who buys and sells instantly will make a loss"

prizes portability and anonymity above all else. Says Richard West: "People have been using stamps as a method of exchange since they were introduced in this country in 1840. There is a well developed international market in stamps so you can realize your cash more or less anywhere at any time."

You can put away sizable quantities of money in stamps. There are plenty around with an individual value of up to £500."

But stamps, it should be emphasized, are not the way to a quick profit. Mr Ray Haffner, of Bond Street auctioneers, Harmers, said stamps should be regarded as an investment only in the very long term – at least 10 years. Anyone who tries to buy and resell instantly is likely to take an instant loss. Dealers' mark-ups can be high, with 30 per cent, probably, towards the lower end of the range.

He recommends Penny Blacks, the first British issue, for anyone contemplating buying stamps for the first time. He says you should expect to pay £80 to £100 at auction for a Penny Black in reasonable condition. "I don't think people could lose money on them."

Buying through an auctioneer can be cheaper than buying through a dealer.

The pounds look after themselves

The demise of the British pound note is focusing attention on the investment attraction of old banknotes, according to Barnaby Faulls of Spinks. He says: "I don't think anyone is going to make any money by hoarding modern pound notes even 20 years from now. But an awful lot of people are buying old English banknotes at the moment and prices have been going up quite fast".

Theoretically the Bank of England is still obliged to pay the face value to the bearer of notes going back as far as 1790 when the first £1 note was issued. But in the collectors' market an early 19th century pound note could fetch as much as £600 if it is in good condition. If it is not, the value might only be a fraction of that price. "You do have to be very

Summary of the White Paper on Financial Services

The Regulatory System will include: i. a definition of *investments*, which will include financial and commodity futures and option contracts, securities covered by the Act and certain other products. The Department of Trade and Industry will continue to be responsible for authorization and prudential supervision of insurance companies; the marketing of life assurance contracts will be treated as far as possible on the same footing as other similar investments. The definition will *exclude* property which passes under the direct physical control of the investor if purchased.

ii. a definition of *investment business* which will include, for example, any business which effects transactions in investments with or for others, manages investments or gives advice about them. There will be various exclusions, including companies issuing their own shares, newspapers and investment clubs.

iii. provisions making it an offence to carry on investment business as defined without authorization.

iv. provisions giving the Secretary of State authority – which he will be empowered to delegate to a regulatory body which appears to him to satisfy criteria laid down by the legislation – to grant, vary, make subject to conditions, suspend or revoke such authorization and to lay down requirements for the conduct of business by those authorized. These requirements will include the application of a "fit and proper" test to all investment businesses; sole traders, partnerships and coporate entities. Rules for the conduct of business will be based on principles set out in the legislation, including a principle of fair dealing, duties of disclosure and of skill, care and diligence, the protection of client's assets, suitability of investment recommendations, compensation for investors and disclosure of terms of business to customers.

The main criteria for delegation by the Secretary of State will be that: i. the body's proposed rules and practices are such as to ensure that those authorized by it are and remain "fit and proper" to carry on investment business.

ii. its proposed conduct of business rules will afford adequate protection to investors and are consistent with basic principles set out in the legislation; and

iii. all these rules would not impose restrictions on competition greater than are justified for the adequate protection of investors.

Institutional structure: The Government favours practioner-based regulation within a statutory framework. The arrangements recommended by the Governor of the Bank of England after consultation with leaders of City institutions, and by representatives of the life assurance and unit trust industries, envisaged two practioner-based regulatory bodies, a "securities and investments board", and a "marketing of investments board" covering in particular life assurance and unit trusts. However, the legislation will in no way prevent delegation to *a single practioner-based regulatory body*.

There will be provision for the boards to recognize *self-regulatory organizations* such as The Stock Exchange, the National Association of Security Dealers and Investment Managers, the Association of Futures Brokers and Dealers and the Insurance Brokers Registration Council as providing the authorization required for an investment business.

Accountability to Government and Parliament: i. The chairman and members of the board or boards will be appointed by the Secretary of State or with his agreement.

ii. Board members will include users and other lay members as well as practioners.

iii. The Secretary of State will be entitled to withdraw regulatory authority if he considers that at any time a board ceases to conform to the criteria set out in the legislation.

iv. A board's rules and practices will be subject to initial and continuing scrutiny for anti-competitive elements; after obtaining the advice of the Director General of Fair Trading, the Secretary of State will have power to require the amendment or withdrawal of rules which are judged to be detrimental to competition and not justified in the interests of investor protection.

v. The Secretary of State will have power to require the amendment or withdrawal of the rules of the boards if they are contrary to the international obligations of the United Kingdom.

vi. The boards will report annually to the Secretary of State who will lay their reports before Parliament.

vii. There will be provision for a new and independent tribunal, whose members will be appointed by the Secretary of State, to be the final determinant of any dispute about authorization decisions or about penalties for breach of the rules.

Unit trusts: The present controls will be relaxed to allow a greater variety of unit trusts to be made available to the general public and more speculative arrangements to be offered (and promoted) to authorized business, and by them to those investors who have appropriate financial resources and experience.

Investment advice and the marketing of investments: Investment advisers, including those who advise on life assurance or unit trusts, will be subject to the conduct of business principles. They will be under a duty to disclose "relevant information".

It is already a criminal offence to make misleading, false, deceptive or reckless statements or forecasts about investments. The new legislation will extend this provision to cover acts or courses of conduct likely to defraud or deceive investors or potential investors.

Pensions: There will be a requirement to disclose comprehensive information about the way pension scheme assets are invested. Any investment manager or adviser involved in the administration of pension schemes as a business (that is other than simply as an employee) will require authorization. Personal pensions should be subject at least to the same safeguards as other forms of investment.

Advertisements and circulars: Only authorized investment businesses will have a statutory right to issue advertisements or circulars likely to lead to the sale or purchase of investments. "Advertisements and circulars" will be defined to include all media.

Public issues and takeovers: The legislation will provide that all public offers of securities, primary or secondary, including offers made on takeover bids, will be subject to the same statutory regime. All offers to the public will have to comply with requirements regarding their contents, unless specifically excepted.

If the securities market felt that it would be helpful, the Government would be willing to consider providing statutory backing for the City Panel on Takeovers and Mergers.

Inside dealing: The legislation will extend the inside dealing provisions of the Companies Act 1980 to cover all securities, including options and futures contracts based on them, and also to make enforcement more effective.

Enforcement: The regulatory board (or boards) and its recognized self-regulatory organizations will be responsible for enforcing their respective rules. The Department of Trade and Industry and the prosecution authorities will be responsible for enforcing the criminal law. There will be provision for civil law remedies for loss due to breach of the criminal law or rules of business conduct. Finally, to facilitate the enforcement of these civil law rights,

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FOOTBALL: CHELSEA FIND FEW CHEERS IN THEIR CUPS

Wednesday wait for the wounded

The bristling determination that earned **Sheffield Wednesday** a draw in Monday's Milk Cup quarter-final at **Chelsea** could cost them dear for today's replay. Five players are injured. "It is impossible to say at the moment just what the team will be," Howard Wilkinson, the manager, said. "It is the most extensive injury list we have had."

Marwood limped out of Monday's game with a bruised calf and he is joined on the treatment table by Hodge, Blair (sprained ankles), Worthington (sore ankle) and Shelton (sprained shoulder). In comparison, Chelsea may consider they have been let off lightly. Pates, who hurt a knee, should be fit, while Jasper stands by in case Jones's thigh injury keeps him out of the replay.

By the time Chelsea face *Millwall* in the FA Cup fourth round tie next Monday, they will have four cup games in nine days. "Another replay is really the last thing we needed," Ian McNeill, Chelsea's assistant manager, said.

Dixon, with Bobby Robson looking on, failed from the penalty spot for the third time this season.

"We are going to have to go back to the drawing board on penalties. They have been a big bugbear to us this season, because Colin Lee and Pat Nevin have also missed them. We might leave it to the captain to nominate a penalty taker next time we get one. Sometimes a player can be having a really good game and be confident about taking on the responsibility.

"Mind you, there was no doubt about Kerry taking the penalties before this game. He was on such a high after scoring four goals at Wigan on Saturday."

Sheffield Wednesday had taken a seventeenth-minute lead through Madden before Speedie equalized in the 28th minute Chelsea twice hit a post before Hodge saved Dixon's 48th minute penalty. They had plenty of other chances to make the game safe, although their commitment to attack almost allowed Wednesday to steal victory in the closing minutes.

Simon Stainrod's future at **Queens's Park Rangers** must be in doubt after his second sending off this season. The 25-year-old forward was dismissed together with Russell Osman in the 24th minute of Monday night's 2-1 Milk Cup quarter-final defeat by **Ipswich** at Loftus Road.

Stainrod was a member of the England party which toured South America last summer but he has been out of favour with Frank Sibley, the acting manager since Rangers' Boxing Day game against Chelsea. He was recalled for the two games with Ipswich because Rangers' recent signings, Byrne and Robinson, were ineligible. Now he faces *his second lengthy suspension* of the season and little prospect of a return to the first team.

Stainrod refused to talk about the sending off, but said: "I can't see me being picked for any matches in the near future. The manager seems to settled on Gary Bannister and Byrne up front and the sending off won't have done me any good."

Only a month ago Rangers turned down a £250,000 offer for Stainrod from Sheffield Wednesday.

Within six minutes of the double dismissal, Ipswich had scored twice, through D'Avray and Zondervan. Bannister pulled one back six minutes before half time, but Rangers could make no further progress after the interval with Butcher in commanding form. Ipswich will now play **Norwich** in the two-legged semi-final.



Misfire: Kerry Dixon (left) may have taken his last penalty for Chelsea; Simon Stainrod (right) may have played his last game for QPR.

Telford put up brave fight to keep hopes alive

By John Dougray

Darlington 1
Telford United 1

Telford United, the only non-League side left in the FA Cup, survived a late onslaught by Darlington, of the fourth division, last night to take their fourth round tie to a replay. The prize for the eventual winners is a trip to the holders, Everton.

Two days of mild weather had melted the snow that had caused the postponement of the tie on Saturday. The pitch was extremely heavy as Darlington kicked off before another large crowd at Feethams.

There was an interesting contrast in styles, Darlington favouring the long ball to the big bustling forwards, Telford playing a neat, short passing game. There was an early score for Darlington when a misunderstanding between Barber and the centre half, Smith, allowed McKenna a chance, but the Darlington defenders managed to scramble the ball away.

It was easy to see why Telford had disposed of three League sides, Lincoln City, Preston North End and Bradford City, in previous rounds. After 17 minutes Darlington suffered a setback when Smith fell awkwardly in the opposition penalty area and was carried off with a shoulder injury.

Mark Foster, the substitute, moved into the attack while Todd took Smith's place at the heart of the defence. While Darlington were reorganizing Telford took the lead in the 23rd minute.

The goal followed a right-wing corner taken by Alcock. Williams's shot was saved by Barber and then Aldred, kicked off the line from McKenna before Williams, at the second attempt, drove the ball home to give Telford a deserved lead.

Telford were playing with great confidence and skill and Darlington were looking decidedly ragged. Cook, however, briefly raised their hopes with a powerful run down the left wing, finishing with a drive which struck the outside of a post. But Telford were quickly back on the attack, with their livewire centre-forward, McKenna, cleverly taking a long ball from Alcock in his stride and resisting Johnson's challenge before shooting narrowly wide as Barber came out.

After 35 minutes Telford also made a substitution, Dean Edwards replacing the limping Williams. Towards half-time Darlington began to exert some pressure on the Telford defence and Charlton made a superb save on the line from Forster's glancing header. In the 66th minute Forster scored the equalizer from close range after Angus had been denied by Charlton.

DARLINGTON: F Barber; G Aldred, P Johnson, M Angus, K Smith, P Lloyd, M Cook, K Todd, C Airey, G MacDonald, D McLean.
TELFORD UNITED: K Charlton; K Lewis, A Turner, D Barnett, S Eaton, L Halton, A Joseph, G Williams, K McKenna, E Hogan, J Alcock.
Referee: D Seel (Carlisle).

Last night's results

FIRST DIVISION: Southampton 1, Sunderland 0.
THIRD DIVISION: Orient 1, Millwall 0.
FOURTH DIVISION: Southend United 2, Colchester United 5
FREIGHT ROVER TROPHY: First round, first leg: Burnley 5, Stockport County 1, Port Vale 1, Northampton Town 1; Wrexham 2, Wigan Athletic 2. First round, second leg: Tranmere Rovers 4, Blackpool 1.
SCOTTISH CUP: Third round replay: East Fife 0, Brechin City 4.
WELSH CUP: Swansea City 7, Sully 1.

Yesterday's results

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Charlton 2, Millwall 3; Tottenham 3, Luton 1.
POSTPONED MATCHES: Third division: Rotherham United v Reading, Walsall v York City, Doncaster v Preston North End. Scottish Cup: Third round: Cowdenbeath v St Mirren. Third round replay: Clyde v Raith Rovers. Central League: Second division: Grimsby v Leeds. Isthmian League: First division: Leatherhead v Maidenhead.

Walsh left out

Mickey Walsh, whose wife gave birth to test tube quads on Monday, received another shock yesterday when we was dropped from the Republic of Ireland squad for next Tuesday's friendly international against Italy in Dublin.

Eoin Hand, the Republic of Ireland manager, said yesterday: "I have been trying to make contact with Mickey, first to congratulate him on the good news, and then talk about football. I feel he knows he wouldn't be mentally prepared for a game like this after what's happened."

SQUAD: P Bonner (Celtic), J McDonagh (Notts County), C Hughton (Tottenham), M McCarthy (Manchester City), M Lawrenson (Liverpool), K Moran (Manchester United), D O'Leary (Arsenal), J Beglin (Liverpool), P McGrath (Manchester United), A Grealish (West Bromwich), R Whelan (Liverpool), L Brady (Internazionale), K Sheedy (Everton), L Waddock (Queen's Park Rangers), F Stapleton (Manchester United), M Robinson, J Byrne (both Queen's Park Rangers), A Galvin (Tottenham).

Wimbledon's plan is to petrify Forest

Dave Bassett, the Wimbledon manager, has not dreamt up any subtle plans to deal with Nottingham Forest in tonight's FA Cup fourth round replay at Plough Lane, for Bassett knows that there is only one way that Wimbledon will win.

"We must blitz them," he said, "give them a torrid time and then hope we will get some goals." However Saturday's 0-0 draw at Forest was Wimbledon's first goalless game since April 1983.

"We have gone two games without scoring – and that is a long time for us," Bassett said. "We finished training yesterday with a shooting session.

Bassett is hoping his "Indian sign" over Brian Clough – he has not lost in five meetings – will continue. "It is just one of those quirks that get thrown up every now and again. If there is a sign, then I am keen for it to carry on."

Wimbledon won 3-1 on aggregate against Forest in last season's Milk Cup. "We beat them 2-0 at home and only their goalkeeper saved them from further humiliation. Cloughie admitted they got off lightly", Bassett recalled.

"Forest don't like the way we play. People say it's the same style as Watford – Graham Taylor will probably be insulted by that – but the long-ball game has been successful for us for two and a half years."

Clough said: "Quite frankly, I feel that facing Wimbledon away from home is going to be just as hard as when we played Newcastle at St James' Park in the previous round.

"Wimbledon will get plenty of support from their fans, and the fact that we played there in the Milk Cup last season is not going to be much of an advantage to us."

Peter Davenport, the Forest forward, is confident of revenge, however. He said: "I can't remember a game where we have created so many chances and failed to put on away as happened on Saturday. We have been written off before, as against Newcastle, and come through, so I'm sure we can win this tie."

Lawrie Sanchez gave Wimbledon an injury scare yesterday, hurting his right knee in training. But he is determined not to miss his club's big night, and Bassett hoped to name an unchanged side.

Clough is happy to includes Garry Birtles, who showed no ill-effects after Saturday's game, his first after a nine-month lay-off with back trouble.

Special incentive for Aberdeen

Aberdeen will try to rewrite the Scottish Cup record books tonight when they face **Alloa Athletic** in a third round tie at Pittodrie. The premier division champions aim to become the first club to lift the trophy four years in a row – and their manager, Alex Ferguson, would like nothing better than to achieve the feat in the 100th Scottish Cup competition.

Aberdeen have won the cup for the last three seasons in a record-breaking run of 18 ties without defeat, stretching back to February 1981. As the holders prepare to open their defence of the trophy against the second division leaders, Ferguson says: "There is no greater incentive than the prospect of making history. The Scottish Cup is very special to myself, the players and the supporters. It may seem that there is more pressure on us to win four years running, but I feel the pressure is on the other clubs to take the Cup from us."

The defender, McKimmie, is suspended and his place is taken by Mitchell. The heartening news for Scotland's manager, Jock Stein, is that McLeish wins a place on the bench after a two-month absence. The winger, Paterson, returns for Alloa.



McLeish: on way back

Celtic, without a competitive fixture since January 1, emerge from their enforced hibernation with a tough tie away to **Hamilton Academicals**. Pierce O'Leary – brother of Arsenal's David – will make his debut at Douglas Park in place of the suspended Aitken.

Heart of Midlothian have no *injury problems for their third* round match with **Inverness Caledonian**

Croker's helping hand

Ted Croker, the Football Association secretary, revealed yesterday that he suffers from arthritis, a painful legacy of his playing days with *Charlton Athletic*. Although he accepts it as an occupational hazard, he has thrown his support behind the players' union battle for improved medical care for their members.

Croker admitted yesterday: "The facilities in this country for monitoring and treating football injuries are inadequate and need strengthening." He revealed that only on Monday a high-powered FA group, including the chairman, Bert Millichip, met to discuss the establishment of a centre for sporting injuries.

The news delighted Gordon Taylor, the secretary of the Professional Footballers' Association whose campaign looked set to sink in a welter of allegations about drugs, drink and gambling. Taylor said: "We have been pressing for some time for such a centre. The treatment of players had not been given a high priority in the game for too long."

My goal, Bruce says

Norwich advanced to the FA Cup fourth round after a seven-hour battle with **Birmingham**. Steve Bruce settled the third-round tie after 10 minutes of the third replay, though it might have been the Birmingham forward, David Geddis, who applied the final touch.

"I brought the ball down with my chest," *Bruce said*. "As *it dropped*, three of us went for it at the same time but I'm definitely claiming it. It was my goal."

Norwich were well worth their victory. They face West Ham in the fourth round at Upton Park on Monday, which means that the first leg of the Milk Cup semi-final against Ipswich Town will be put back seven days to Tuesday, February 13.

York hold prices

York City will not increase their prices for the FA Cup fifth round tie against Liverpool at Bootham Crescent on February 16.

MONDAY'S RESULTS

FA CUP: third round, third replay: Norwich City 1, Birmingham City 1 (Norwich away to West Ham).
MILK CUP: Fifth round: Chelsea 1, Sheffield Wednesday 1. Fifth round replay: Queen's Park Rangers 1, Ipswich Town 2 (Ipswich play Norwich in two-legged semi-final).
FREIGHT ROVER TROPHY: First round, first leg: Port Vale v Northampton, postponed.
SCOTTISH CUP: Second round replays: Stenhousemuir v Stranraer, postponed: Spartans v Inverness Thistle, postponed
FA TROPHY: (First round): Dudley 4, AP Leamington 0; Bishop Auckland 3, North Shields 2; Harlow 0, Wealdstone 0. Postponed: Gretna v Kidderminster, Horden v Matlock, Gateshead v Stalybridge. First round replays: Bangor 2, Bootle 1; Harrow 2, Slough 0. Postponed: Barnet v Dagenham. First round second replays: Bishop's Stortford 1, Bath 2, Woking 1 Dulwich Hamlet 2.
ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: Bob Lord Trophy: (Third round): Maidstone 3, Yeovil 1.
SERVOWARM ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Croydon v Wokingham, postponed.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Bill Dellow Cup: Third round: Waterlooville 2, Basingstoke 2
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Mossley v Southport, postponed.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Leicester 0, Hull 1: Postponed: Preston v Doncaster, Wolves v Blackpool.
IRISH CUP: Ballymena 3, Michelin 0; Portadown 5, Barn 1; Civil Service 0, Harland and Wolff 5
ALLDERS SURREY SENIOR CUP: Fifth qualifying round: Egham 1, Molesey 0.

ATHLETICS

Dickenson puts the record straight over drug abuse

By Pat Butcher

Paul Dickenson, the chairman of the International Athletics' Club claims that his alleged "six out of ten athletes on drugs" remark was a misrepresentation. But the former United Kingdom record holder in the hammer throw admits that there is a problem of drug abuse in British athletics, and that the authorities are not doing enough about it.

Dickenson said yesterday that the 60 per cent figure referred to the range of events in athletics, in which he felt that some athletics were taking drugs, meaning that it was not restricted nowdays to the "heavy" throwing events "I've talked this over with the IAC committee," he said, "and we don't want to compound the problem, but we're writing to the Sports Council asking them to up the rate of drug research and detection".

He added: "We think that drug testing currently is totally inadequate, and they should be giving more information to youngsters. But, at the same time, they should be funding alternative methods of improving performance. We don't think the Sports Council have spoken to the right people. What about those coaches who know a lot about nutrition"?

As Dickenson admits, this brings us on to the fine line between sports medicine which is beneficial and benevolent, and drug abuse, which may improve performace but can often be detrimental to health, not to mention morally indefensible "The prime example is blood doping," Dickenson said referring to the process which several American Olypic cycling gold medal winners have admitted to using this year.

A quantity of the athletes' own blood is extracted prior to heavy training, and it is then reinjected, giving higher oxygen-carrying capacity, just before competition. As Dickenson says, 'It's not drug taking, but is it moral? We're not even sure we want to go that far."

The British Amateur Athletic Board working party on drug abuse have their final meeting this afternoon, which they expect will produce a plan, soon to be implemented on random drug testing Dickenson's IAC committee hope to get a copy of their Sports Council letter to the working party before they sit.

Lazare wins

Hong Kong (Reuter) – Alain Lazare, of France, sprinted past Zhu Shuchun, *of China, in the final few* yards of the eighth Hong Kong international marathon ...... to win by a second. Lazare, a finalist at Los Angeles Olympic Games, was suffering from a bad back but still recorded a time of 2hr 18min 34sec.

TENNIS

Lloyd ends run of early exits in style

Memphis (Reuter) – *John Lloyd*, of Britain, overcame a recent run of first-round failures to score a victory in straight sets over Tom Gullikson, of the United States, in the US national indoor championships yesterday.

Lloyd, who won 6–3, 6–3, said: "I'd lost in first-round matches for the past four weeks so I haven't had a lot of match practice. I was concerned that I would be a bit rusty, but I thought I was very sharp."

Mel Purcell, of the United States, was fined $1,000 after failing to appear for his afternoon match with his compatriot, Marty Davis. Shlomo Glickstein, of Israel, a loser in an earlier round, was entered in the draw to play Davis, only to lose 6–2, 6–3.

Leif Shiras, of the United States, survived two match points to win his first-round match against Pavel Slozil, of Czechoslovakia, 4–6, 7–6, 7–6.

Among those also advancing to the second round were Greg Holmes, Mark Dickson, Tim Wilkison, Jay Lapidus and Tim Gullikson, all of the United States, plus Jan Gunnarsson of Sweden and Marcob Ostoja of Yugoslavia.

Young lions get rich incentive

By Lewine Mair

Richard Whichello and Jason Goodall are among the beneficiaries of £40,000 worth sponsorship for 1985, of which John Laing PLC, who have so helped Annabel Croft, are contributing £30,000 and the LTA £10,000.

Paul Hutchins, the *British* team manager, said yesterday that he will be looking for one or possibly two more players to join what is to be known as the Laing/LTA scheme intended for boys entering "the difficult transitional stage between the junior and senior game."

Hutchins believes there are nine boys on the short list for the remaining place or places. Though the intention at the moment is to go on results achieved over the second of its five weeks – one suspects that the sponsors might feel tempted to let all nine be involved in a small way.

Nigel Sears and the former Davis Cup player, Richard Lewis, have been at the helm, the idea being that they will share the business of travelling with the youngsters both at home and overseas.

Hutchins is currently working out an incentive scheme to be used within the squad, and he stressed the importance of the new stallelite circuit in helping to bring on players in this age group.

One such player for whom he has a particular admiration is Peter Wingrove, aged 21, from the West Country, who spent his nights at Heathrow airport two years ago in order to afford to play in a pre-qualifying event in London.

SNOOKER

When White rose above Thorne

By Sydney Friskin

The snooker reporter can rarely miss a deadline when Jimmy White is in action. The talented left-hander from Wimbledon calmly wrapped up his first-round match against Willie Thorne in the Benson and Hedges Masters tournament before a boisterous crowd at Wembley yesterday with a convincing 5-2 victory in defence of his title.

White began by going in-off. That calamity did not worry him, for he made a break of 75, following up with 30 to win the first frame easily. A break of 40 in the second put him in the driving seat. Thorne, however, recovered his composure to win the next frame.

Thorne lost his chance of levelling at 2-2 by playing an attacking shot on the black which he just missed, leaving it on for White to go into the interval leading 3-1. *White stretched his lead to 4-1* with a break of 49 but Thorne hit back to win a tightly fought sixth frame on the pink. His last semblance of resistance ended when he kissed a crucial blue in the seventh frame.

Commenting on the shouting, Thorne said: "Snooker has not yet become like darts, but if it comes to that, there will not be many tournaments in London."

Earlier in the day Ray Reardon almost shook hands a little too soon with David Taylor whom he defeated 5-1 to set up a quarter-final with Cliff Thorburn from Canada. Reardon thought when he potted the pink in the sixth frame that he had won it but realized that he also needed the black. He played a safety shot, after which Taylor unfortunately sent the cue ball into a pocket to end the match.

FIRST ROUND: J Spencer bt E Charlton (Aus), 5-3. D Mountjoy bt T Knowles 5–3 Frame scores (Mountjoy first): 25–58, 101–47, 74–34, 55–41, 38–72, 65–49, 34–67, 66–25. R Reardon bt David Taylor 5–1 Frame scores (Reardon first): 77–24, 68–30, 65–36, 78–28, 43–67, 58–44. J White bt W Thorne 5–2. Frame scores (White first): 105–20, 77–43, 36–97, 53–71, 73–29, 38–62, 80–13.

BOXING

Russell to aim for the belt

By George Ace

Hugh Russell, the British flyweight champion, could become only *the second Irishman to win a* Lonsdale Belt outright. Russell will make a voluntary defence of his title against Charlie Brown, from Glasgow, in the chief supporting bout to Barry McGuigan's contest against Juan Laporte at the King's Hall on February 23.

The 25-year-old Belfast boxer won the British title *in* January 1984 when he stopped Kelvin Smart, of Wales, in seven rounds in Belfast. He made a successful defence against Danny Flynn (Edinburgh) at the Ulster Hall last November, whe the referee stopped the contest

Russell, who won and lost the British bantamweight title in the space of 36 days in early 1983, has won 16 of his 18 fights since he made his professional debut in *December* 1981 and is a vastly more experienced boxer than Brown. The Scot has won five of his eight professional fights since making his debut in March 1983. He recently won the right to meet Fly for the Scottish title by defeating Danny Lee on points.

The only Irishman to win a Lonsdale Belt outright is Freddie Gilroy, when he knocked out Billy Rafferty *in March 1962*

McCrory date

Paris (Reuter) – Milton McCrory, the World Boxing Council welterweight champion, will defend his title against fellow-American Pedro Vilella here on March 9.

Warren is given title bout

Frank Warren has won his legal battle with Mike Barrett and will promote the British light-middleweight title meeting between the holder Jimmy Cable, and the former champion, Prince Rodney. The contest will go on at the Alexandra Pavilion on February 20.

The British Boxing Board of Control had previously awarded the contest to Barrett, who intended to stage it at the Royal Albert Hall on February 12, but the decision was reversed in London by the Board's *stewards of appeal*.

Cable's manager, Doug Bidwell, who brought the appeal, said: "I think all managers will welcome this decision because it will help give them more power. This has opened up the sport and is a big step forward. Now Cable can earn what he is worth."

Boxing on the Warren bill, Cable will double the sum he would have received from *Barrett*, while Rodney will receive a third more.

Rodney won the title in October 1983 but was forced out of boxing for 11 months with an eye injury and on his return was involved in a bruising contest with Cameron Lithgow. "I worked hard to win the title and now I want to win it back," he said.

Seoul plan

Seoul (AFP) – Don King, the American promoter, has agreed tentatively to stage the International Boxing Federation heavyweight title bout between the champion Larry Holmes and his fellow American Mike Weaver here in May.

Whichello the angel

Today's quarter-final between Jeremy Bates and Richard Whichello is among the more inviting matches of the LTA men's satellite event at Matchpoint, Bramhall (Lewine Mair writes). Bates, who is ranked fourth in Britain, yesterday defeated Robin Drysdale 6-2, 6-4, to end a run of three successive losses at the hands of the former King's Cup player.

Richard Lewis, the erstwhile Davis Cup player, has been keeping his fingers crossed that Whichello's second-round match would run smoothly on a day when it had been announced that Lewis would be joining forces with Nigel Sears to *work with the Kent* youngster in the new Laing's LTA squad.

In the event, Lewis's worst fears were never realized. Not only did Whichello *play* magnificently to defeat Lior Rusinek 6-1, 6-0, but he appeared angelically composed in contrast to an American opponent who was at times appallingly noisy.

Things looked gloomy when both Leighton Alfred and David Felgate simultaneously fell to 0-3 in their final set against, respectively, Peter Lundgren and Mark Albert. Alfred, who had played so well in the second set, lost 6-4, 6-7, 6-0, to last week's winner, but Felgate, to his credit, went on to drag himself through to the quarter-finals, 3-6, 7-6, 10-8.

AUSTRALIAN GAMES

Four golds for Gueriva in gymnastics

Melbourne (AFP) – Diliana Gueriva, of Bulgaria, yesterday made a clean sweep of the individual medals in the rhythmic gymastics on the final night of the competition here. Meanwhile, the United States won four of the gold medals at stake in the boxing finals and South Korea took three and New Zealand one.

Miss Gueriva, the 1983 women's world champion, took gold in the ribbon, the clubs and the ball and shared *the gold medal with Tatiana* Druchinina, of the Soviet Union, in the rope apparatus.

Except for the rope event, Miss Druchinina performed in the shadow of the Bulgarian, taking silver medals in the other three disciplines. In the clubs she was also forced to share the silver with Gueriva's team-mate Bianca Panova.

In the men's competition Alexsandr Pogorelov, of the Soviet Union, was the best performer, collecting two gold medals in the parallel bars and the pommel horse and silvers in the rings and the floor exercises.

South Korea's boxers started in great style by taking the first two contests when the flyweight Kang *Young*-Soo and the bantamweight Heo Young-Mo respectively won their bouts against Steve Beaupre, of Canada, and Mark Strickland, of the United States.

MOTOR RALLYING

Vatanen's pace too hot for Röhrl to handle

Monte Carlo (AFP) – Ari Vatanen, the Finnish driver, and his *British* navigator, Terry Harryman, surged further into the lead of the 53rd Monte Carlo Rally in their Peugeot 205 Turbo yesterday as 97 surviving crews of the 117 starters tackled the thirteenth special stage of the week-long event.

Vatanen and Harryman, cheered by record crowds lining snow-swept Alpine trial roads, produced some spectacular drives to overhaul the early leaders Walter Röhrl and Christian Geistdorfer in an Audi Quattro Sport.

Röhrl and Geistdorfer, who are hoping to score a record fifth win triumph in the rally, tried desperately to stay with the 32-year-old Finn, but by the end of the stage in the Isère region he held a 2min 1sec lead over them.

Vatanen's compatriots, Timo Salonen and Seppo Harjanne, in Peugeot's second works entry, were third, just over half a minute clear of Rohrl's Swedish team-mates, Stig Blomquist and Bjorn Cederberg in their Audi.

Crews face more non-stop driving and another 14 special stages before they arrive back in Monaco this afternoon. Survivors then set out on the final 11-stage run tomorrow and the winning crew will arrive on the Monaco quayside on Friday morning.

IN BRIEF

Andrew offered a season in Australia

Bob Andrew, the England stand-off half, may play Rugby Union in Australia next year (Tim Slover writes). He is considering an invitation from Sydney University, where he could team up at half back with Nick Farr-Jones, the 22-year-old law student who played in Australia's recent grand slam tour.

Andrew, aged 21, who kicked 18 points on his international debut against Romania at Twickenham on January 5, will not decide until late this year whether to pursue a career in land economy immediately he leaves Cambridge University or to go abroad.

CRICKET: Northamptonshire are preparing to appoint the former Cambridge University and Yorkshire wicketkeeper Steven Coverdale as their new secretary in place of Ken Turner, who has held the post for more than 25 years. Coverdale would be the youngest county club secretary.

FOOTBALL: Alfredo Foni, who won Olympic and World Cup winners' medals with Italy, and was the manager of both the Italian and Swiss national sides, died on Monday at the age of 74.

CYCLING: Sean Kelly, of Ireland, winner of last season's unofficial World championship by points, could ride in all three top national tour races, in France, Italy and Spain, in the coming campaign, at the suggestion of his team manager, Jean de Gribaldy. Kelly rode only the Tour de France last year.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL
7.30 unless stated
FA CUP
Fourth round
Oxford United v Blackburn Rovers
Fourth round replay
Wimbledon v Nottingham Forest (7.45)
Milk Cup
Fifth round replay
Sheffield Wednesday v Chelsea
Third division
Derby County v Bournemouth
Scottish Cup
Second round
Stenhousemuir v Stranraer. Postponed: Spartans v Inverness Thistle
Third round
Aberdeen v Alloa Athletic
Airdrieonians v Falkirk
Hamilton Academicals v Celtic
Hearts v Inverness Caledonians
Meadowbank Thistle v Partick Thistle
Motherwell v Dumbarton. Postponed: Dundee United v Hibernian; St Johnstone v Dundee
Third round replay
Rangers v Morton
Welsh Cup
Fourth round
Cardiff City v Hereford United (7.45)

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Aston Villa v Coventry (7.0), Huddersfield v Nottingham Forest. Second division: Bolton v Oldham (7.0); Port Vale v Rotherham (7.0); Preston v Doncaster (7.0), York v Wigan (7.0); Wolves v Blackpool (7.0)
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Crystal Palace v Southampton (2.0); Birmingham v Swindon (2.0)
SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Glenavon v Portadown (3.0).
EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Sudbury v Yarmouth.
LONDON SENIOR CUP: Hounslow v Hendon
FA TROPHY: first round: Gateshead v Stalybridge, Gretna v Kidderminster; Horden v Matlock; King's Lynn v Marine; Wealdstone v Harlow
BEDFORDSHIRE SENIOR CUP: second round: Dunstable v Shillington
SERVOWARM ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: second division north: Tring v Epping

RUGBY UNION
CLUB MATCHES: Bridgend v South Wales Police (7.15); Cross Keys v Newbridge (7.0); Glamorgan Wanderers v Swansea (7.15); Llanelli v Ebbw Vale (7.0); Moseley v Loughborough Students; Pontypridd v Bath (7.0)
REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: Cambridge University v Royal Navy (2.30); RAF v Oxford University (at RAF, Hendon, 2.30); Luddites v NZ Universities (at Otley, 2.45)
UAU QUARTER-FINAL: Exeter v Swansea (2.15)
BRITISH POLYTECHNICS CUP: quarter-finals: North Staffs v Leeds; Oxford v Wales (both 2.30)

RUGBY LEAGUE
FIRST DIVISION: Castleford v St Helens; Wigan v Widnes

OTHER SPORT
HOCKEY: Atari Lebdon League: Spencer Cambridge University (2.15) Representative matches: Army v Oxford University (at Aldershot); Reading University v HA. XI (2.30). Women's County Match: Berkshire v Middlesex (at Bisham Abbey NSC, 7.0).
BASKETBALL: National League: First division: Walkers Crisps Leicester v Kingcraft Kingston
ATHLETICS: Southern Counties WAAA Open meeting (at Crystal Palace NSC, 6.30).
SNOOKER: Benson & Hedges Masters (at Wembley Conference Centre).
SQUASH RACKETS: Women's Inter-Service Championships (at Lee-on-Solent).

SNOW REPORTS

SCOTLAND: Cairngorm: Upper runs: Runs complete. Wide snow cover. Hard packed snow. Middle runs: Runs complete. Wide snow cover. Wet snow. Lower slopes: Runs complete. Wet snow. Vertical runs: 1,800ft. Hill roads: clear. Main roads: clear. Snow level: 1,000ft. Glenshee: Upper runs: complete but narrow. Hard packed snow on a firm base. Lower slopes: ample nursery areas. Hard packed snow on a firm base. Vertical runs: 1,000ft. Hill roads: clear. Main roads: clear. Snow level: 1,000ft. Glencoe: Upper runs: complete. Hard packed snow on a firm base. Lower slopes: Runs almost complete. Wet snow on a firm base. Vertical runs: 1,200ft. Hill roads: clear. Main roads: clear. Snow level: 2,000ft. (Open weekends only). Lecht: Upper and middle runs: Complete. Wide cover of hard packed snow on a firm base. Lower slopes: Ample nursery areas. Hard packed snow on a firm base. Vertical runs: 700ft. Hill roads: clear. Main roads: clear. Snow level: 2,000ft.

FOR THE RECORD

MOTOR RALLYING
MONTE CARLO: Monte Carlo Rally (after nine special stages): 1, A Vatanen (Fin) and T Harryman (GB), Peugeot 205 Turbo 16, 2hr 38min 14sec; 2, W Rohrl and C Geistdorfer (WG), Audi Sport Quattro at 7sec; 3, S Blomqvist and B Cederberg (Swe), Audi Sport Quattro at 4:29; 4, T Salonen and S Harjanne (Fin), Peugeot 205 Turbo 16 at 4:53; 5, H Toivonen and J Piironen (Fin), Lancia Rally 037 at 6:20; 6, M Biasion and T Siviero (It) Lancia Rally 037 at 7:02. After 10 special stages: 1, Vatanen and Harryman 3hr 08min 03sec. 2, Rohrl and Geistdorfer at 1min. 3, Salonen and Harjanne at 5:21. 4, Blomqvist and Cederberg at 5:35. 5, Toivonen and Piironen at 8:41. 6, Biasion and Siviero at 10:31. After 11 special stages: 1, Vatanen and Harryman 3hr 22min 28sec. 2, Rohrl and Geistdorfer at 1:17. 3, Salonen and Harjanne at 5:29. 4, Blomqvist and Cederberg at 5:50. 5, Toivonen and Piironen at 10:01. 6, Biasion and Siviero at 12:59. After 12 special stages: 1, Vatanen and Harryman 3hr 54min 2sec. 2, Rohrl and Geistdorfer at 2:4. 3, Salonen and Harjanne at 5:55. 4, Blomqvist and Cederberg at 6:13. 5, Toivonen and Piironen 12:35. 6, B Saby and J-F Fauchille (Fr) 15:24.

After 13 special stages: 1, Vatanen and Harryman 4hr 06min 37sec; 2, Rohrl and Geistdorfer at 2:01:3; Salonen and Harjanne at 5:55; 4, Blomqvist and Cederberg at 8:28; 5, Biasion and Siviero at 16:41. After 15 special stages: 1, Vatanen and Harryman 4hr 13min 7sec; 2, Rohrl and Geistdorfer at 2:10; 3, Salonen and Harjanne at 8:16; 4, Blomqvist and Cederberg (Swe) at 7:07; 5, Toivonen and Piironen at 13:17; 6, Biasion and Siviero at 16:03.

RUGBY FIVES
ST DUNSTAN'S COLLEGE, CATFORD: Rugby Fives Association 229, British Universities 172. Association names first: Singles: A Wynn bt C Danny (Oxford), 15-3; L Fuller bt R Hollins (Oxford), 15-6; D Hebden bt I Jack (Exeter), 15-5; E Marsh lost to R Layton (Durham), 11-15; D F Gardner lost to J G W Stamp (Oxford), 4-15; A I F Mackenzie bt S Geary (Exeter), 15-12. Doubles: Hebden and Fuller bt Danny and Hollins, 15-6, 15-3, and Jack and Geary, 15-4, 15-5; Marsh and Gardner lost to Layton and Stamp, 11-15, 15-12, and Danny and Hollins, 9-15, 12-15; Wynn and Mackenzie beat Jack and Geary, 15-15, 15-4, and lost to Layton and Stamp, 15-8, 1-15.

ICE HOCKEY
NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): Edmonton Oilers 4, Calgary Flames 3.

BIATHLON
ZWIESEL: British championships: Women's: 10km: 1, C Melvey (Aus) 41min 01.6sec; 2, A Teasdale (GB) 42:58.2; 3, S O'Malley (GB) 45:19.9. 20km: 1, C Melvor (GB) 1:18:29.8; 2, M Langin (GB) 1:24:07.9; 3, T McLeod (GB) 1:25:40.5. 5km: 1, A Teasdale 23:42.1; 2, C Melvey 24:06.9; 3, D Chamberlain (GB) 26:02.6. British youths: 5km: G Frazer (Yorkshire Gelek Ski club) 26: 08.2; 2, A Carlton (Beacon School/Susnord) 27:43.3; 3, N Winter (Beacon School/Susnord) 27:56.0.

AUSTRALIA GAMES
MELBOURNE: Boxing: Flyweight: K Young-Soo (S Korea) bt S Beaupre (Can) disqualified 2nd. Bantamweight: H Young-Mo (S Korea) bt S Young (US) pt. Featherweight: K Banks (US) bt J Pasandam (Can) rsf 3rd. Lightweight: R Ellis (US) bt G Gayle (Can) pt. Light-welterweight: S Kywng-Sup (S Korea) bt M Strickland (US) pt. Welterweight: K Bullock (NZ) bt M Thomson (Aus) knock-out 3rd. Light-middleweight: M Cross (US) bt D Frazer (Can) pt. Middleweight: G Taylor (US) bt J Harding (Aus) pt.

GYMNASTICS: Men: Artistic Floor Exercise: 1, J Lin (China) 18.90. Pommel horse: 1, A Pogorelov (USSR) 19.20. Rings: 1, K Yamawaki (Japan) 19.15. Vault: 1, W Long (Can) 18.775. Parallel bars: 1, A Pogorelov (USSR) 18.975. High bar: 1, P Cahoy (US) 18.80. Overall artistic: 1, Yamawaki 112. Women: Artistic Vault: 1, V Kolesnikova (USSR) 19.60. Rhythmic ball: 1, D Gueriva (Bul) 19.80. Rope: 1, D Guerlva (Bul) and T Druchinina (USSR) 19.50. Bars: 1, V Kolesnikova (USSR) 19.5625. Beam: 1, X Chen (China) 19.0625. Floor exercise: 1, D Foster (US) 19.075. Rhythmic clubs: 1, Guerlva (Bul) 19.70. Ribbon: 1, D Guerlva (Bul) 19.75. Final competition results: Rhythmic: 1, D Guerlva 38.40. Women's Artistic: 1, V Kolesnikova 75.95

CYCLING: Men: Junior Keirin: 1, D Derrico (Aus). Senior Keirin: 1, C Wilson (Aus). Senior 100M Sprint: 1, G Neiwand (Aus). Senior all-round final placings: 1, G Neiwand (Aus). Junior 100M Sprint: 1, D Derrico (Aus). Junior all-round final placings: 1, D Derrico (Aus).

FOOTBALL
KUALA LUMPUR: Inter-city tournament: Kuala Lumpur 0, Grasshopper Zurich 3; Ankara 1, Grasshopper Zurich 1.
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Cambridge University 4, Arthurian League 0.
COCHIN, Southern India: Jawaharlal Nehru tournament: Group B: Yugoslavia 1, China 1.
TOUR MATCH: Kedah State (Malaysia) 0, Manchester City 5.

CYCLING
COPENHAGEN: Six-day race (after fourth night): 1, G Frank and H Oersted (Den) 386 pt. 2, J Kristen and H Rinklin (WG) 301. 3, R Pijnen and D Clark (Neth/Aus) 172. 4, S Tourne and E Dewilde (Bel) 109. One lap behind: 5, R Hermann and S Hermann (Liech) 300. 6, G Knetemann and L van Vliet (Neth) 145.

TENNIS
MEMPHIS: US national indoor championship: First round (US unless stated): J Gunnarsson (Swe) bt V van Patten, 6-4, 7-5; L Shiras bt P Slozil (Cz), 4-6, 7-6, 7-6; B Schultz bt V Pecci (Par), 5-7, 6-3, 6-3; M Ostoja (Yug) bt T Benhabiles (Fr), 6-4, 6-2; M Davis bt S Glickstein (Isr), 6-2, 6-3; J Lloyd (GB) bt T Gullickson, 6-3, 6-3; T Wilkison bt P Fleming, 7-5, 6-7, 6-3; J Lapidus bt A Tous (Sp), 7-5, 6-2; T Gullickson bt M Schapers (Neth), 2-6, 6-4, 7-5; G Holmes bt M Mitchell, 7-5, 6-2; M Dickson bt T Tulasne (Fr), 6-3, 6-3; Z Kuharszky (Switz) bt R Tanner, 7-5, 6-7, 6-4. MARCO ISLAND, Florida: Women's championship (US unless stated): I McNeil bt T Scheuer-Larsen (Den), 6-1, 6-3; V Ruzici, (Rom) bt K Shaefer, 7-6, 7-6; K Maleeva (Bul) bt G Fernandez (P Rico), 6-7, 6-4; S Rehe bt P Medrado (Bra), 6-2, 6-2; G Purdy bt B Mould (SA), 6-1, 6-2; S Walsh bt L Arraya-Gildemeister (Peru), 7-5, 3-6, 6-3; S Goles (Yug) bt J Russell 6-1, 6-2; L Drescher (Austria) bt B Jordan, 6-0, 6-2; V Nelson bt C Jolissaint (Switz), 6-1, 6-1; C Benjamin bt A M Cecchini (It), 7-5, 6-3.

REAL TENNIS
NEW YORK: Masters pro-am doubles: semi-finals: C Ronaldson (Hampton Court) and R Coffin bt J Howell (Bordeaux) and R Howe, 6–3, 6–2, 6–2; L Deucher (Hampton Court) and R Jones bt J Burke (New York) and K McCollum, 6–5, 6–4, 1–6, 6–1. Final: Ronaldson and Coffin bt Deucher and Jones, 6–3, 6–2, 6–2. Pro doubles: Semi-finals: Ronaldson and R Pilkington bt Deucher and R Fahey, 6–1, 3–6, 5–6, 6–5, 6–5; C Johnson (Queen's) and R Corey bt Burke and E Ulmann, 6–4, 6–4, 6–2. Final: Ronaldson and Pilkington bt Johnson and Corey, 6–0, 6–3, 6–2.

BASKETBALL
NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Cottrils Manchester Giants 91, Nissan Worthing Bears 95.
UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA): New York Knicks 117, Los Angeles Clippers 97; Houston Rockets 97, New Jersey Nets 93; Dallas Mavericks 111, Philadelphia 76ers 109; Denver Nuggets 104, Utah Jazz 100.

MOTOR RACING

Jones lured out of retirement to be new team's driving force

By John Blunsden

A new FORCE (the capital letters are intentional) in Formula One racing was revealed yesterday with the announcement that Alan Jones, the former world champion, will return to the circuits to lead a new grand prix team, backed by Beatrice, an international marketing company with interests in food and consumer products.

The team, owned by the American racing entrepreneur, Carl Haas, will be operated by Formula One Race Car Engineering (hence the initials), a new company formed by Teddy Mayer, Tyler Alexander (both formerly with McLaren) and Eric Broadly, of Lola Cars. FORCE will also be responsible for car design and development.

The team have entered into a five-year contract with Beatrice and will run one car in the last four or five races this season prior to entering a two-car team from 1986 onwards. Jones, the 1980 world champion, has been coaxed out of retirement at home in Australia to drive the Beatrice Lola this season, beginning, it is hoped with the Italian Grand Prix in September.

It is possible that he will be joined by Mario Andretti, the 1978 world champion, in one or two races if Andretti's commitments in the United States enable a second car to be run this year.

"Let's say I'm keeping my options open", said Andretti, who last year won the PPG Indy Cars world series championship with a Lola T800, owned jointly by Carl Haas and Paul Newman, the actor. This season he will again lead the Lola team in the United States, and his son Michael is already on the shortlist of possible drivers for the second Formula One Beatrice Lola for 1986.

Although American-owned, the new team has strong British connections and will use the Hart turbo charged engine, which was chosen in preference to other available turbos from overesas. New premises are being acquired close to Heathrow Airport and the design team will be headed by John Baldwin (previously with Spirit), who has drawn the chassis, and Neil Oatley (formerly with Williams), who will be responsible for transmission design and development, in collaboration with Hewland Engineering. The overall engineering direction and co-ordination will be handled by Eric Broadly. Although no tyres have yet been named for the Beatrice Lola, a contract has alreay been signed with a tyre supplier.

Rarely, if ever, has a new team been formed which embraces such a wealth of Grand Prix racing experience and talent. With Beatrice supplying sponsorship on a scale which – though undisclosed – will enable the team to operate with the best possible equipment and facilities, this really does appear to be the birth of a new force within the Formula One scene and one which should do the image of the world championship series a power of good.

RUGBY UNION

Scottish trio need to prove fitness

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Three of Scotland's most experienced players must prove their fitness in training at Murrayfield tomorrow if they are to play against Ireland when the five nations' championship opens, a fortnight late, on Saturday. Laidlaw, the captain and scrum half, and the two front-row men, Milne and Deans, are all carrying minor knocks acquired during squad training.

Milne, the Harlequins tight-head prop, is the most doubtful: "I banged my right knee on the hard ground so it is bruised, but I think there is also a slight strain to the ligaments", he said. "Thursday's training will decide. There is a great deal of difference between a gentle *run and a full-blown squad session*". Rowan, the Boroughmuir prop, who was added to the replacements after Mackenzie withdrew from the Scotland side last week, would be the obvious beneficiary should Milne have to pull out.

England's players worked out on



Milne: most doubtful

Monday evening, the backs at Bedford under Tony Jorden, the forwards at Stourbridge under Richard Greenwood. There were minor mishaps for Orwin, the Gloucester lock, and Brain, the Coventry hooker, but no long standing problems. The Rugby Union has had to return £600,000 in ticket applications for the game at Twickenham on Saturday, against France, and the Calcutta Cup game on March 16.

Winterbottom, the Headingley flanker, who has been troubled by a pelvic disorder this season, makes a return to representative rugby today when he plays for the Yorkshire invitation side, the Luddites, against *New Zealand Universities at Otley.* He was due to play in the John Player Cup match against London Welsh last Saturday, but the weather intervened. He reappears among such company as Barley, the Wakefield centre, and two distinguished former England men, Wheeler and Old.

The rescheduling of the international championship – two games being played on March 30, both of which will be televised – constitutes an unfortunate counter-attraction to the seventh Preston Grasshoppers All-England schools festival, played over three days between March 29-31. A new sponsor, the C & A clothing firm, will provide the Rodeo Trophy for the festival, won last year by West Park GS. There are entries from 32 schools, all save one from England, which is a departure for a tournament which has attracted considerable overseas interest, notably from the Netherlands.

Guy's finish with flourish

By Gordon Allan

Guy's Hospital 25
St Thomas's Hospital 12

Guy's reached the semi-final *round of the Hospitals' Cup* when they beat St Thomas's by three goals, a try and a penalty goal to a goal and two penalties at Honor Oak Park yesterday. It was one of the best games for a long time in this competition. The margin wa unfair to St Thomas's. Guy's possession was of better quality, and that was the chief reason they were able to win.

The first 20 minutes led us to think this would be just another messy cup tie. Hopley kicked a penalty for St Thomas's. Then the high jinks began. Docker, who was Nigel Melville's understudy at Yorkshire Schools level, got a try for Guy's, darting over from a maul, and Hackett converted. Hopley kicked another penalty to make it all square.

In the second half scores tumbled out thick and fast. Jones pursued an up-and-under by Poole for a try, which Hackett converted. Macintyre brought St Thomas's back with a try, converted by Hockley, after a sweeping movement begun by Hopley on halfway.

Guy's settled the argument in the last quarter. Hackett landed a penalty. Coleman broke away from deep in his own and ran, kicked and dribbled 80 metres for a try. St Thomas's needed two scores to win. But Guy's were awarded a penalty try three minutes from the end when Docker was tripped in St Thomas's 22. Hackett converted, and everybody went home pleased with what they had done and seen.

Scorers: Guy's: Tries: Docker, Jones, Coleman, penalty try. Conversions: Hackett (3). Penalty: Hackett. St Thomas's: Try: Macintyre. Conversion: Hopley. Penalties: Hopley (2).
GUY'S HOSPITAL: M Hackett; M Davies, A Jones, J Leigh, M Coleman; N Poole, R Docker; G Perry, R Dixon, M Seare, A Watts, P Cains, G Beardmore, G Meharg, G Smith.
ST THOMAS'S HOSPITAL: G Sharp; J Lucas, J Macintyre, G Hussell, C Record; P Hopley, G Bayley; D Wood, N Wilson, D Roberts, R Scott, P Robbins, M Jenkins, D Barron, A Francis.
Referee: R Glass (London).

HOSPITALS' CUP: First round: King's 18, University College Hospital 13. Second round: Guy's 25, St Thomas's 12.

RUGBY UNION: Wasps will play New Brighton on Sunday at Sudbury. The match replaces a scheduled Friday evening fixture with Moseley, who will be playing their postponed John Player Special Cup tie at West Hartlepool on Saturday.

IN BRIEF

Soviet Union barred

The Soviet Union, the world champions, have been barred from the World Cup water polo competition from May 12-19 because of the Olympic boycott. Only the top eight Olympic teams are eligible, which means that Hungary and Cuba, the silver and bronze winners in the last world championship, will also be absent. The eight competing nations are Yugoslavia, the United States, West Germany, Spain, Australia, the Netherlands, Italy and Greece.

CROSS-COUNTRY: John Tracey, Richard O'Flynn and Monica Joyce have been pre-selected for Eire's team to compete in the world championships in Lisbon in March.

The rest of the men's women's and junior mens's teams will be chosen after the national inter-club championships on February 24.

TENNIS: Four of the worlds top 10 ranked players will compete in the 1985 Suntory Cup four-man singles tennis tournament in Tokyo from April 20-21: John McEnroe, Ivan Lendl, the holder, Andres Gomez and Yannick Noah. Before the tournament, McEnroe will meet Lendl in a singles match in the Suntory Cup special in Osaka on April 18.

BOXING: Muhammad Ali, the former world heavyweight champion is among those honoured by the Boxing Writers Association of America in their annual awards. Ali will receive the James J Walker award for "lond and meritorious service to boxing". Thomas Hearns has been named Boxer of the Year and Al Busch Manager of the Year.

David Miller on Britain's uphill work in the downhill



Martin Bell hopes to be ringing on the door of the world by the next Olympics

Summoned by Alpine bells

For only a fraction of what the BBC are obliged to pay the Football League for *Match of the Day*, they are able to screen all the excitement of young Graham Bell breaking a collarbone, and the legendary Franz Klammer losing a ski, at the first gate of the downhill races on the Hahnenkamm mountain in Kitzbuhel.

Do not let us be coy about the truth. The viewing figures for *Ski Sunday* of more than 4 million – which is twice Saturday's *Grandstand* and better than the bottom figure for *Match of the Day*, which fluctuates from under 4 million to just over 8 million – are related to the voyeuristic pleasure extracted from watching motor racing or boxing: somebody may get hurt, spectacularly.

In fact, the glamour of the television screen eliminates much of the frightening element of downhill skiing – the surging acceleration from 30 mph to 70 mph out of the Hahnenkamm's first turn into the fierce compression at the bottom of the ice-crusted Mausfalle, all encompassed by the competitor if he is lucky, within a few seconds.

What seems quite improper is that while the BBC enjoy cheap, exciting television – average audiences at the Sarajevo Winter Olympics, excluding Torvill and Dean nights, were over 7 million – the Bell brothers, Martin and Graham, and their downhill colleagues, Mark Blythe, Frederick Burton and Nigel Smith, will be the only team here for the world alpine championships without a doctor. The United States team have three.

Graham Bell is, in fact, intending to do a Steve Ovett, to compete *against medical advice* in this Sunday's championship downhill, in spite of a collar-bone still looking as knobbly through his skin as a giraffe's knee-cap. He had to return home from Kitzbuhel two and a half weeks ago for attention and was back last weekend training at Garmisch, where Martin had the sort of inauspicious run he wants to forget as quickly as possible.

Denying that he is taking undue risk with his health, Graham argues that he would have to be singularly unlucky to fall in the same way on the same shoulder again. He will have to convince Alan Stewart, the team manager, who must select four from five, basing his choice normally on practice times. Graham, who was second in last year's junior championship, is reluctant to let this senior event go by without him.

The International Ski Federation do not do nearly as well as they should, I suspect, from television rights. They receive from Eurovision only £80,000 for the World Cup season and £300,000 for these world championships, which compare with £103 million for Sarajevo and an astonishing £308 million from Calgary in 1988.

World top dozen target for 1988

In last year's Olympics, Martin and Graham, then aged 19 and 18, finished eighteenth and thirty second, their position flattered by the fact that, as in these championships, only four competitors per country are admitted. The only moment of success in contemporary times for a non-Alpine country which energetically shaped the sport's early development was when Konrad Bartelski, then aged 27, came second in a World Cup downhill at Val Gardena in 1981.

The Bells are optimistic that, by the 1988 Olympics, they will have reached the top dozen of the world rankings.

For the Bells it all began on a small plastic course in Nottingham *12 years ago, with a valued prize* for a week's training at Aldermatt. Graduation followed through the ranks of the White Hare and Kandahar clubs, with three wins by Martin in the British junior championship. Graham considers he should have won twice but he fell. Their father, who was in the RAF, had moved to Edinburgh and they were ale to oscillate between *Hillend* artificial course and a damp weekend caravan in the Cairngorms.

It is a natural tendency for Brits to specialize in downhill, in which the Alpine countries have less of an advatage because their children do not begin until the age of 16. "It's how much you ski between nine and 13, that's when you form your basic technique", Martin said. "*In slalom* and giant slalom events the British have such a deficiency to make up. We would have to live here *permanently from* the age of 10 to be on level terms, and even then we would be isolated individuals up against thousands of potential competitors born in the Alps."

Neither of them regrets the time and exclusivity they have given in the attempt to defeat impossible odds. They mischievously say that it is looking at their contemporaries who have gone to university after a brief spell in the British team that cheers them up and justifies their effort. "I am totally pleased with my life all the time", Graham, reflectively rubbing his shoulders, said.

Ten months of the year are spent training or racing and even in May and June the brothers are on fitness discipline. What chance is there to break into the front rank?

"I think we've got the determination", Graham said. "It's more a question of experience, of overcoming the fear you have of the most demanding courses, such as Kitzbuhel." Much depends on knowing the course, Martin explained, though no one has previously experienced the new course here. "It's very psychological", Martin said. "If you've crashed at some particular point on a course, you'll always be thinking of it, and that effects your concentration elsewhere higher up the course."

Although they have basic support from the British Ski Federation and Sports Council, and limited sponsorship from Harrogate and Kandahar clubs, Fischer Skis, the Sports Aid Foundation and Salamon Bindings, they will still be on the begging circuit for the summer World Cup in South America. I think *Ski Sunday* owes some rent.

Luxembourg rule out Girardelli

Luxembourg (Reuter) – Luxembourg will not bend its citizenship rules to give Marc Girardelli, the *Austrian-born slalom skier, a* passport in time to compete next week in the world championships in Bormio, Italy.

Girardelli, who leads the men's World Cup standings, had hoped to become eligible for Bormio by taking out Luxembourg citizenship. But a government spokesman, Andre Claude, said yesterday: "In other countries the rules might be bent but here in Luxembourg we are conservative and we do it the normal straightforward way".

Girardelli's formal application for naturalization only reached the Luxembourg Justice Ministry yesterday and would take several weeks to process. Claude said. "It's bad luck for Girardelli and for us", he added.

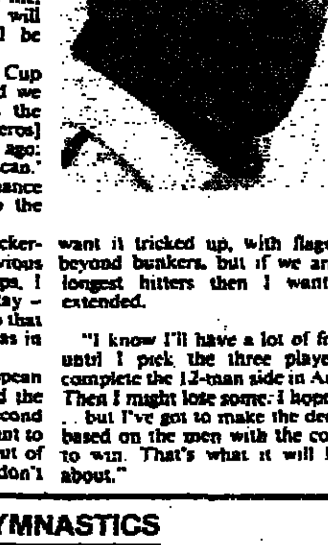
Officials said the decision on whether Girardelli could compete in Bormio was in the hands of the International Ski Federation, whose rules have allowed him to race for Luxembourg since the age of 13 but bar him from taking part in Olympic Games and world *championships.*

● BORMIO: The World Cup holders, Pirmin Zurbriggen of Switzerland, returned from injury yesterday to record the fastest time in the first practice run for Sunday's men's downhill in the Alpine skiing championship. Zurbriggen was timed at 2min 10.04sec on the Stelbio course which has been built for the championships.

GOLF

Jacklin lives, eats and talks victory

By Mitchell Platts



Tony Jacklin visits The Belfry today to start planning Europe's campaign to overcome the United States in the Ryder Cup at Sutton Coldfield in September.

Jacklin, whose leadership inspired Europe to within a whisker of victory 18 months ago, insists: "I accept the prestige and glory that goes with playing. But believe me, it's not the taking part that will matter in the end – it will be winning.

"We haven't won the Ryder Cup since 1957. But I'm convinced we can this year. I think that's the general opinion. Seve Ballesteros] told me a couple of weeks ago: 'Tony, we can do it – we really can.' But I can't leave anything to chance – which is why I'm going to the Belfry.

"I don't want evening locker-room meetings – like some previous teams – then breakaway groups. I want a room where we can stay – live, eat and talk the match – so that we build the same team spirit as in 1983."

Jacklin will play two European events this year, the Open and the Lawrence Batley, the second because it is at the Belfry. "I want to make suggestions on the lay-out of the course," Jacklin said. "I don't want it tricked up, with flags just beyond bunkers, but if we are the longest hitters then I want tees extended.

"I know I'll have a lot of friends until I pick the three players to complete the 12-man side in August. Then I might lose some: I hope not . . . but I've got to make the decision based on the men with the courage to win. That's what it will be all about."

GYMNASTICS

Sponsor banks on coaching

A new £100,000 sponsorship by the NatWest Bank aims to provide 800 new coaches at grass root levels over the next four years. The money will go in equal shares to produce coaches in the four sections of the British Amateur Gymnastics Association. (men's Olympic gymnastics, women's Olympic gymnastics, rhythmic gymnastics, and sports acrobatics

The sponsorship will also provide money for an annual all-British gymnastics display, which will be held at Crystal Palace on June 15. Franklyn Edmonds, the president of the BAGA hoped that "this encouragement of coaches will ultimately produce better gymnasts".

CRICKET

England must speed up reflexes

From John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent
Delhi

With thoughts turning Australia and the one-day tournament there, it is relevant that in one main respect a tour of India provides poor preparation for jousting with Australia and West Indies. Nowhere out here have England's batsmen *had a chance to* play bowling faster than of medium pace in match conditions.

When the net pitches have been adequate, Cowans, Foster and Agnew have been hasty, but there is much honing to be done before the meeting with Australia, even on a slow Melbourne pitch, in two and a half weeks' time. India's fastest bowler, Chetan Sharma, is no more than brisk in pace, equal perhaps to Mallender, of Northamptonshire, or Baptiste, the slowest of the West Indian fast bowlers in England last summer.

It is important, therefore, that the faciities in Sydney, where England will practise before their first match, should be reliable. One way of quickening reflexes is with a bowling machine. So long as the pitches are up to it, these can be set at anything up to 90 mph which is approximately what Marshall will clock. I have known tem to be useful in Adelaide, where, as it happens, *David Sheppard and Colin Cowdrey* played the Australian prototype in the inventor's garden on Christmas morning in 1962.

The Adelaide nets are the best in the world, so good as a rule that it would almost be worth England's while to go there rather than to Sydney to prepare for next month's games. Bowlers can let the ball go from, say, 17 rather than 22 yards there – another means of conditioning batsmen to express deliveries. This might sound cold-blooded, especialy within the confines of a net, but it is not ineffective.

The Australians have been getting more than enough practice in recent weeks against Marshall, Holding and the rest, and the West Indians against Hogg, Lawson and McDermott, although whether the last of these is authentically fast we are not sure. The Sri Lankans have also been having their first taste of genuine speed. The Pakistanis are being sharpened up in New Zealand by Hadlee, as the Indians are by Cowans and Foster. Only Engalnd have yet to have a run in the fast lane.

They practised here yesterday morning, minus David Gower, on the ground where their forutnes took such a dramatic turn for the better when they won the second Test match. The Indian side preferred to go on the early flight (the only one in the day) to Kanpur, where the last Test starts tomorrow, and to have two days practising there. This seemed sensible. England are due in Kanpur at seven o'clock this morning, having had a call at 4.30. They will feel more like going back to bed than getting the feel of the ground where the series will be decided.

It is on these occasions that an *old military maxim – time in* reconnaissance is never wasted – is invariably overlooked. I have hardly ever known the manager of an MCC or England side, or his assistant, go on ahead of the main party to check on the practice facilities and make sure, for example, that the pitches are not being over-watered. On countless occasions it would have paid them to do so. This applies not only in India, but just as much in Australia, West Indies and all points in between.

After going for a medical check-up here yesterday, because he has been feeling under the weather, David Gower was given a clean bill of health and some vitamin pills (John Woodcock writes). He has been having an occasional bout of muzziness, through those blue and misty eyes, and it was thought that a knock he took in the face when fielding at Poonah earlier in the tour might still be affecting him; but the doctor thinks not.

Perhaps the blood poisoning which struck him down at the start of last summer took a heavier toll than Gower realized. That was a very nasty illness and he has seldom been in his best form since.

Waldron is the duke of Albany

ALBANY (Reuter) – The West Indians began their brief holiday on the south coast of Western Australia in a relaxed mood with a carefree 11-run victory over a Country XI in a one-day match here yesterday. They are spending three days here before their World Series Cup game against Sri Lanka in Perth on Saturday. They breezed to 237 for nine in 39.4 overs, Richardson and Haynes making 75 and 41 respectively.

Although the Country XI fourished against makeshift attack, which included Richardson and Dujon, they finsihed 12 runs short of victory on 226 for seven. Terry Waldron, the Country XI captain, hit four sixes and seven fours in a man-of-the-match innings of 72 in only 39 minutes.

WEST INDIES: First Innings

C G Greenidge c Waldron b Harris	20
D L Haynes c Nuttall b Francis	41
R B Richardson c Waldron b Wellington	75
A L Logie c and b Francis	6
†P J Dujon b Francis	2
H A Gomes c Waldron b Harris	27
T R O Payne not out	34
E A E Baptiste c Clark b McFarlane	2
W W Davis c Yandle b Clark	17
C A Walsh run out	0
Extras (b 1, l-b 6, w 2, n-b 7)	16
Total (9 wkts 39.4 overs)	237

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-60, 2-87, 3-94, 4-97, 5-144, 6-184, 7-202, 8-236, 9-237.
*M A Holding did not bat.

BOWLING: Nuttall 8-0-36-0; Harris 7-1-51-2; Francis 8-1-41-3; Clark 7.4-0-38-1; McFarland 7-1-42-1; Wellington 2-0-22-1.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN COUNTRY XI

S Byfield lbw b Walsh	6
D Wellington c Dujon b Richardson	19
L Scott c Gomes b Richardson	29
R Miguel c Greenidge b Haynes	4
*T Waldron c Greenidge b Baptiste	72
A Yandle not out	23
A McFarlane c Dujon b Holding	30
D Francis c Dujon b Walsh	22
Extras (b 6, l-b 4, w 16, n-b 1)	21
Total (7 wkts)	226

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-58, 3-63, 4-91, 5-150, 6-186, 7-226.
P Nuttall, W Harris and B Clark did not bat.

BOWLING: Walsh 8-1-23-2; Baptiste 8-0-33-1; Gomes 4-0-7-0; Holding 8-1-33-1; Haynes 8-0-32-1; Richardson 7-0-65-2; Dujon 8-1-60-0.

HOCKEY

Hurn breaks as Oxford change gear

By Sydney Friskin

Oxford University..............3
Hockey Association 2

The Hockey Association side, chosen from the England under-21 squad, lost their traditional annual match against Oxford University at the Parks yesterday. In spite of the heavy ground conditions, the game was played at a lively pace and provided much enjoyment.

The visitors made a bright start by scoring in the fourth minute. A long corner gave way to a short one, from which Shorrt scored following up.

After 19 minutes, Oxford forced a short corner, from which Monks scored with a superb hit. Exchanges were fairly even after that, but the Hockey Association failed to convert two short corners early in the second half and paid the price when Monks put Oxford ahead from one of these awards in the twelth minute of this period. Three minutes later, Chris Roberts, who combined well with Shortt, drew level with a weak shot which, suprisingly, beat the Oxford goal-keeper.

Oxford then moved into a higher gear and a pass from the right by Nicnow, a Cambridge Blue, put Hurn in a position to score

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: P Venables (King's Macclesfield & Keble); *D Sanders (Kingston GS & New College); *T Weeks (Tasmania Univ & St John s); G Hayward (St Edwards, Oxford & Christ Church); *N Stevenson (Taunton & St Peter's); *R McIntyre (Kingston GS & Christchurch); *P Keehan (Chatham House & Lincoln, captain); A Hurn (Natal Univ & St Edmund Hall); G Monks (Leighton Park & University); A Nice (Merchant Taylor's & Oriel); R Oldershaw (Uppingham & Trinity).
HOCKEY ASSOCIATION: S Rowlands (Lewes); C Roberts (Havant), M Masters (Taunton Vale), R Mast (Southgate), J Roberts (Stroud), D Willis (Bromley), G Bethener (Wakefield), P Coates (Cambridge Univ), D Shaft (Old ... & West Warwick), A Farme (Southport), C Roberts (Coventry & N Warwick).
Umpires: J Nash (Western Counties) and R Wilson (Northern Counties).
*A Blue

RACING

Bregawn pleases on reappearance

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

Bregawn, the 1983 Cheltenham Gold Cup winner, made a satisfactory if unsuccessful return to racing at Gowran Park yesterday when seventh under top weight in the Goffs' Thyestes Handicap Chase, won by the well-handicapped Seskin Bridge.

Bregawn was confirmed a definite runner only two hours before the race after a scare when he pulled up lame yesterday morning. A plating problem overcome, Bregawn jumped well for his amateur rider, Frank Codd, deputising for the injured Niall Madden. He stayed on well towards the finish, although *never getting into* the hunt, and obviously badly in need of the run.

Michael Cullinane, his new trainer, was pleased with Bregawn's showing and believes the horse will figure more prominently at Leopardstown in the Harold Clarke Chase on February 16.

But for sprawling on landing and coming to a virtual halt after the last, Seskin Bridge would have won by considerably further. Her success confirmed that the Irish handicapper is under-rating this season's crop of novice chasers.

Seskin Bridge's victory provided Dr Patrick Hillery, the President of *Ireland,* with his biggest success since assuming office. Peter McCreery, her trainer, said that he would bring her over to Cheltenham in March, but instead of going for one of the novice events would aim the mare at the Kim Muir Chase.

Michael Cunningham will also have a handicap as the target for *Rainbow* Warrior, who is likely to miss his Ascot engagements and wait for Cheltenham

The Thyestes Chase has become the preserve of the bottom weights and in eight years only one winner has scored with more than 10st 1lb.

Letherby badly injured

Dennis Letherby, formerly one of Britain's leading apprentices and now a leading rider in Kenya, is in the intensive care unit of a Nairobi hospital after a recent fall.

Letherby, aged 37, sustained a fracture of the neck while riding work. His condition was described as critical, but, *after a four-hour* operation, movement began to return to his arms, legs and toes.

Letherby, who served his apprenticeship with Willie Stephenson, has ridden 166 winners in Britain. He went to Africa in 1975, but returned to ride two winners in this country during the 1982 season. Although he held a licence to ride here in 1983, Letherby decided to go back to Kenya. *His* biggest success in England came on Barwin in the 1965 Totalisator Handicap.

HEREFORD

GOING: soft (heavy patches)

1.45 LEOMINSTER NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (£1,833: 2m 4f) (16 runners)

5 0-22434 JOHN PRESENT (J Sinnott) R Holder 7-11-7 .... P Richards
6 30/-001 Magic Mouse (M Stephenson) J Colston 9-11-2 .... Mr T Stephenson 7
7 30/0p00- Jakeroo (Miss J Ferris) E Ferris 9-10-10 .... –
8 03334 Celtic Beauty (B) (D Moss) D Elsworth 7-10-10 .... R Arnott 4
9 00-0f03 Bargill (F Winter) F Winter 6-10-9 .... B De Haan
13 90/33-40 Rough Estimate (V Bishop) V Bishop 9-10-0 .... J J O'Neill
14 f300-fp Molon Lave (J Morse) J Morse 8-10-0 .... P Carvill
15 p3/0000- The Cleaver (E Burfield) O O'Neill 9-10-0 .... C Smith
16 044000 Paperracer (A Parton) B Preece 8-10-0 .... R Stronge
18 00p/opp Mr President West (B Ashead) C Trietline 8-10-0 .... A Sharpe
19 0/30-004 Noble Patrol (C) (A Shaw) C Marnes 11-10-0 .... G Mccourt
21 00/0u-0p Pheasant Bridge (J M Bradley) J M Bradley 8-10-0 .... A Carroll
22 p03-003 Halston's Flair (K May) Miss P Neal 10-10-0 .... R Hoare
24 0f0000 Sillyjoho (B) (J Townson) J Townson 8-10-0 .... C Thornton 7
26 f/uu0up- General Pearl (Mrs J M Fraser) Mrs J M Fraser 10-10-0 .... –
27 0002000 Derbyshire Flier (A McIndo) J Roberts 8-10-0 .... R Millman
1984: No corresponding race
9-4 Bargill, 11-4 Halston's Flair, 4 Johns Present, 5 Rough Estimate, 9 Noble Patrol,

Hereford selections

By Mandarin

1.45 Celtic Beauty. 2.15 Bob Tisdall. 2.45 No Fluke. 3.15 Knock Hill. 3.45 Rainbow Lady. 4.15 Mendaleak.

Michael Seely's selection: 2.15 Bob Tisdall.

2.15 FRED RIMELL HURDLE. (£1,994: 2m) (4)

2 3u-2231 Bob Tisdall (D) (K Al-Said) J Edwards 6-11-6 .... P Barton
5 21310-0 Brown Rifle (D) (R Forsyth) D Burchell 5-11-6 .... Mr M Richards 7
6 3102 Gala's Image (D) (Sheikh Ali Abu Hamsin) Mrs M Rimell 5-11-6 .... R Linley
10 0404-0p Stand Easy (W O'Dwyer) I Wardle 8-11-6 .... N Doughty
1984: Gaye Brief 7-11-6 R Linley (1-3 fav) Mrs M Rimell 5 ran.
10-11 Bob Tisdall, 3 Gala's Image, 9-2 Brown Rifle, 6 Stand Easy.

2.45 LEDBURY SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE. (£799: 2m) (22)

1 100000 Charming Charles (D) (D Morrill) D Morrill 6-12-5 .... C Bell 4
2 102020- Hard Bargain (D) (C Shone) O O'Neill 7-11-11 .... W Hayes 7
4 22-3322 No Fluke (D) (F Yardley) F Yardley 5-11-7 .... C Smith
6 0021/40 Candeslea (C James) (C James) 7-11-6 .... G McCourt
7 002022 Barafield (G Cossey) J D Roberts 7-11-6 .... –
8 3420/p-0 General Wood (D) (Mrs B Robinson) J Townson 9-11-4 .... G Newman
9 213000 Haven's Pride (D) (B N Brazier) M Castell 6-11-4 .... D Chinn 7
10 020-100 Pampered Gipsy (D) (F Baker) J H Baker 6-11-3 .... C Evans 7
13 0/4063-0 Crossla (B) (O N Carey) D Carey 8-11-2 .... M Williams
14 003120- Law Bench (D) (Mrs S Hembrow) Mrs S Hembrow 13-11-2 .... N Coleman 4
15 1/0210-p Wellafeen (D) (L Bevan) O O'Neill 7-11-1 .... M Caswell
16 001p/0 Johnian (D) (West London Coopers) M Usher 8-11-0 .... C Brown
18 00003/0 Hurricane Hill (Motor Auctions Group) B Stevens 8-11-0 .... –
19 000224 Master Boon (B) (BF) (R Bridgeman) D Tucker 6-11-0 .... M Bridgeman 7
21 00-0000 Bell Hop (H Bishop) B Stevens 9-10-11 .... –
22 0200/p Dun Water (R Evan) M Cassell 8-10-10 .... Mr M Darby
26 1p0004 In Slips (CD) (W Craig) C J V Miller 8-10-7 .... P Croucher 4
29 000 Music My Son (S Melles) J M Bradley 4-10-4 .... –
30 0014/00 Rye Grass (L Wareham) D Tucker 11-10-3 .... S Mcneill
33 40-0010- Mosquito River (B Richmond) B Richmond 8-10-3 .... P Corrigan 7
37 100 Nisha (D) (J Colston) J Colston 4-10-0 .... –
38 14-00p2 Miss Black Glama (B) (BF) (R Oliver) S May 5-10-0 .... S May
1984: Law Bench 12-10-8 J Hembrow (25-1) Mrs S Hembrow 21 ran.
3 Pampered Gipsy, 7-2 No Fluke, 9-2 Law Bench, 8 Havens Pride, 8 In Slips, 10 Master Boon, 12 Mosquito River, Miss Black Glama, 20 other

3.15 FOUR WINDS HANDICAP CHASE. (£2,176: 3m 1f) (7)

1 204-120 Knock Hill (P Thompson) J Webber 9-11-10 .... G Memagh
2 002844 Fred Pilliner (CD) (N Johnson) M Scudamore 8-11-8 .... P Scudamore
6 2223-00 Laurensun (CD) (Mrs C Black) M Oliver 10-10-10 .... G McCourt
11 222-422 Claude Monet (T Whitley) D Gandolfo 7-10-0 .... Earnshaw
12 p4/f-p00 Tens Or Better (Anne Duchess of Westminster) R Francis 11-10-0 .... R Crank
13 212-03 Rockin Berry (A Baylis) Mrs M Evans 10-10-0 .... T Jackson
14 1u0f3p- Cwmwrelthin (CD) (Mrs C Crozier) V Bishop 9-10-0 .... J J O'Neill
1984: Tiraka 8-11-7 G Brown (4-1 L) Kennard 14 ran.
11-8 Claude Monet, 3 Knock Hill, 9-2 Fred Pilliner, 8 Rockin Berry, 10 Laurensun, 16 others.

3.45 DAMSELS NOVICE HURDLE (mares only: £781: 2m) (17).

1 00-3144 Maerlin (BF) (Hoose) J Old 6-11-13 .... G Bradley
2 0f Aghalolope (Mrs S Lampman) Mrs S Lampman 7-11-6 .... –
3 August Folly (C Hicks) R Hartop 5-11-6 .... J Barlow
8 Golden Decoy (P) T Craffin) R Craffin 5-11-6 .... –
9 Just Fang (J Charlton) N Gaselee 7-11-6 .... V McKevitt
12 Lady Brooklyn (E Legg) A Barrow 5-41-6 .... R Hoare
16 Never Imitate (Miss S Francis) I Dudgeon 6-11-6 .... P Barton
18 9 Noggets Daughter (J Thorpe) J Townson 6-11-6 .... C Thornton 7
20 Parlo Irene (Mrs P Tucker) D Tucker 5-11-6 .... M Williams
21 Rastlebill Sylke (J Needham) J Needham 5-11-6 .... A Hulburt 7
23 Some Grange (P Baxter) R Pendine 6-11-6 .... P Tuck
28 13 Merry Jane (D Doolitt) E Owen jun 4-11-3 .... K Burke 4
29 01 Rainbow Lady (D Davies) M Pipe 4-11-3 .... R Dennis 4
37 Holywell Cagey (M Ledbury) Mrs N Kennedy 4-10-10 .... –
39 0 Into The Fire (B) (T Sandell) D Elsworth 4-10-10 .... C Brown
40 Rapid Action (Fyne Transport) R Holder 4-10-10 .... N Coleman 4
42 40 Spiv's Right (T Evans) J M Bradley 4-10-10 .... –
1984: Body Bay 7-11-2 J Goodwin (3-2 fav) B Chinn 17 ran.
9-4 Maerlin, 3 Merry Jane, 9-2 Into The Fire, 6 Rainbow Lady, 8 Rapid Action, 12 Spiv's Right, Some Grange, 20 others.

4.15 CLIFFORD HANDICAP HURDLE. (£1,307: 3m 1f) (17)

3 -20004 Celtic Cracker (H Kelly) R Hartop 7-11-7 .... J Barlow
4 0-10004 Brave Jack (C Pugh) Mrs W Sykes 9-11-7 .... P Scudamore
5 3330-20 Wellington (BF) (D Taylor) J Webber 6-11-5 .... G McCourt
7 00000p Mac's Treasure (CD) (Mac's Garage) J Old 8-11-1 .... G Bradley
9 44-2201 Mendaleak (CD) (M Price) W Price 8-11-0 .... N Coleman 4
10 2/44-002 Super's Ready (B) (W Price) (Mrs M Smart) W Morris 7-10-13 .... W Morris 4
11 00010-0 Furzen Hill (Lord Vestey) J King 8-10-12 .... J J O'Neill
12 30-up0r Something Special (S Gutteridge) P Bevan 8-10-8 .... –
13 00p32 Hand Me Down (E Kirtland) D Gandolfo 8-10-8 .... M Harrington
16 400-300 Dial Direct (B) (H Burridge) B Palling 8-10-3 .... A Griffiths
18 023-440 Medal Pupil (Mann & Treacy) O O'Neill 5-10-2 .... C Smith
19 220/100 Dampier (C) (P Redding) J Baker 8-10-1 .... C Evans 7
20 210210 Last of The Foxes (CD) (Mrs Taisson Dines) 12-10-0 .... Miss G Armytage 7
21 f-p3200 Captain Fantastic (A Smith) A Davison 7-10-0 .... –
22 0023 Pass Ashore (G Bourne) M Oliver 6-10-0 .... –
23 431410 Princess Hecate (P Davis) P Davis 10-10-0 .... Mr M Richards 7
24 84-440p Hill Green (V Lowe) R Francis 9-10-0 .... R Crank
1984: No corresponding Race
11-4 Mellington, 7-2 Mendaleak, 6 Hand Me Down, 7 Last Of The Foxes, 8 Pass Ashore, 10 Princess Hecate, 12 Celtic Cracker, Furzen Hill, 20 others.

Mellor's golden surprise

Stan Mellor, the trainer, was so convinced that Golden Knoll had been beaten in yesterday's Marshall Handicap Chase at Leicester that he went off for a consolatory drink.

Mellor said: "I was so convinced that we were just beaten I went off to the bar to console myself. No sooner had I ordered, than the announcement came that we had won, so I had to dash back to the weighing room."

It was easy to share Mellor's pessimism, as most observers felt that Virgin Soldier had prevailed and bookmakers offered 3-1 against Golden Knoll in the photograph, the pair had been locked together from two fences out, and in a stirring finish Virgin Soldier's last-gasp effort seemed to have won the day. But the photograph showed Golden Knoll, ridden by Mark Perrett, the short-head winner.

"Golden Knoll finds this two and a half miles much too sharp. He is a thorough stayer, and a brave one too," Mellor said. He is a bit of a baby yet and although he will be a National horse, it could be a year or two before we see the best of him."

Mellor's season has been an odd mix. There has been no shortage of winners, but he has lost his former Triumph Hurdle winner, Saxon Farm, now retired, and the promising Barnbrook Again, a Triumph hopeful this year, is likely to be out for the season, as may Pollardstown.

Leicester results

Going: heavy

1.30 (2m hdle) 1, LEAMBELL (S Morshead, 15-2); 2, Harry You Tomo (M Brennan, 7-1); 3, Too Often (M Worthington, 33-1). 4, Downtown Chicago (J Suthe 6-1). ALSO RAN: 5 fr fav High State (4th), Lord Charles (6th), 12 Arras Gift, 14 Freelan Owl, 16 Porto Louise, 20 Fountain Valley (5th), 25 Alex Choice, 33 Shap's Seal (pu), In A Dream, Charles Bact, Jacks Folies, Good Performer. 16 ran. NR: E Clark. Mark Meffavers. [illegible] Dixon at Bromsd. TOTE: £7.70; £1.90, £2.50, £13.10. £1.80. DF: £30.20. CSF: £80.15. Tricast: £1,448.82. Bought in 1,800gns.

2.0 (2m ch) 1, KEMO HILL (R Rowe, 4-1 fav); 2, Put On The Back (J Burlow, 11-2); 3, Achilles (R Dicken, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Deep Coach (6th), 11-2 Royal Vamur (f), 13-2 Sompt, 9 Halfback (5th), 11 Mass Kid Bud, 17 Clamourstar, 25 Courting Boy (4th), 33 For Tax (pu), Pamela (pu). 12 ran. NR: Milore, Golden Lancastar. [illegible] A Davison at Crossman. TOTE: £5.30; £2.10, £1.60, £6.90. DF: £8.70. CSF: £24.08. Tricast: £127.05.

2.30 1, GOLDEN KNOLL (M Perrett, 5-4 fav); 2, Virgin Soldier (P Murphy 9-2); 3, Low Venture (M Bastard, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 15-2 Dinas (4th), 14 Spartan Manor (pu), 16 Royal Rialto (5th). 6 ran. [illegible] S Mellor at Lambourn. TOTE: £2.30; £1.10, £2.60. DF: £9.00. CSF: £4.97.

3.00 (2m ch) 1, WREKORE PRIDE (G McCourt, 10-1); 2, Le Bernard (P Scudamore, 8-11); 3, Samos Sod (A Webber, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 2-1 the Good Mouper (4th), 100-30 Denzel (UR), 10 Fame The Spur (PU), Cordo de Benny (6th), 25 Buttybroom (5th), Star Screaming (PU), 50 Jose (PU), Destilou (PU), Margans Gold (PU), Hey's Girl (F). NR: Eggington. 13 ran. M [illegible] at Tickhill. TOTE: £15.60; £3.10, £3.10, £2.40. DF: £45.60. CSF: £97.74. Tricast: £735.82.

3.30 (2m nov h) 1, FORESTERS LAD (A Webb, 17-2); 2, Tachyon (K Sims, 9-2); 3, Al-Alder (L Burke, 11-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Silver Season, 9-2 Liquer Candy (4th), 7 Promindante (5th), 25 Playboy Bunny (PU), 33 Indian Gem, Chicken Shack, Third Boy, Clair Sobel. 11 ran. NR: Music Prince. [illegible] 2, S [illegible] at Alcester. TOTE: £9.40; £1.30, £1.40, £1.80. CSF: £44.78.

4.00 (2m hdle) 1, DIXTON HOUSE (P Scudamore, 4-5 fav); 2, Bootlegger's Mall (A Carroll, 10-1); 3, Hotstop (C Mearnan, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 9 Warden Prince (4th), 28 Scottish Boy (5th), 33 Alzazaar (6th), Swifte Date, Swallows Image. 8 ran. 12, hd, 12, 6, 7l, hd. Scudamore at Hoarwithy. TOTE: £1.40; £1.00, £3.40, £1.20. DF: £4.60. CSF: £8.19. PLACEPOT: £32.85.

Course specialists

WINDSOR

JOCKEYS: J Francome 13 winners from 37 rides, 35.1%; S Sherwood 7 from 27, 25.9%; K Mooney 5 from 23, 21.8%.
TRAINERS: F Walwyn 17 winners from 42 runners, 40.5%; P Cundell 5 from 19, 26.3%; P Bailey 5 from 25, 20%.

HEREFORD

JOCKEYS: R Linley 11 winners from 42 rides, 26.2%; P Scudamore 19 from 88, 22%; C Smith 8 from 66, 12.1%.
TRAINERS: Mrs M Rimell 12 winners from 62 runners, 21%; M Scudamore 8 from 53, 17%; J Edwards 6 from 49, 12.2%.

RACING: FORM OF EX-IRISH HURDLER LOOKS OUTSTANDING

Improving Bob Tisdall to thwart Rimell's hopes

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

In an attempt to win the Fred Rimell Hurdle at Hereford today for the third time in as many years, the late trainer's widow, Mercy, is relying on Gala's Image, the winner of a novice hurdle at Kempton Park in November. Hitherto she has been able to fire off a far bigger gun in the shape of the 1983 champion hurdler, Gaye Brief, in her quest to keep the race in the family.

This time all Mrs Rimell's endeavours could easily come to nothing, because Gala's Image ought to be beaten by Bob Tisdall. A winner twice in Ireland last seeason and at Lingfield Park already this winter, **Bob Tisdall** is much the more experienced, besides being able to boast better form.

Running for the first time in England, he showed a lot of promise at Wincanton on Boxing Day to finish third in the race wone by Camebelle. And he followed that by giving The Irish Rhine two stone and a seven-length beating in a handicap at Lingfield. Considering how well The Irish Rhine had run in his previous race at Kempton Park on Boxing Day, that form commends itself.

David Gandolfo's decision to pit his useful novice, Claude Monet, against seasoned steeplechasers in the Four Winds Handicap Chase instead of against horses of his own limited experience in the Leominster Novices' Handicap Chase is interesting. I thought that he would win the first race on today's programme even with top weight but I cannot help wondering whether he will cope with **Knock Hill** in his chosen race even at a difference of 24lb. Before finishing seventh in the Welsh National, my selection had won at Newbury and then run really well against Door Latch at Cheltenham.

After racing has been brought to a standstill by a freeze up, it often pays to follow stables who manage to strike form quickly. For that reason Martin Pipe, who had a winner and a second at Leicester on Monday, is taken to win the Damsels Novices' Hurdle with **Rainbow Lady**, who was bought in for 3,000 guineas at Devon and Exeter on New Year's Day after running away with a selling hurdle there.

Syd Woodman, the trainer of a winner and a fourth at Plumpton on Monday, could easily have the answer to the puzzle posed by the Klix Drinks Novices' Handicap Chase at Windsor in the form of Cresun (nap), who is my idea of the day's best bet.

Cresum has won over today's course and distance already this season when he beat that useful horse, Oversway, who has won three of his five races this season and been placed in the other two.

Cresun then had his next race at Plumpton at his mercy when he misjudged the last fence and fell.

This six-year-old son of that good chaser, Credo's Daughter, can regain the winning trail at the expense of Stan Mellor's runner, the easy Chepstow winner, Nudge Nudge.

Mellor should not be disappointed, though, if Nudge Nudge is beaten, because he appears to have a good chance of winning two of the other races on the Thames-side course with Malistrano (3.0) and Glenfox (3.30). A winner at Kelso, Hexham and Wetherby already, the four-year-old **Malistrano** might be a blot on the handicap for the Copper Horse Hurdle. **Glenfox** ought to be capable of giving 6lb to *Play The Knave* in the Boveney Handicap Chase.

Mellor will also be running the easy Stratford winner, Supergrass, in the second division of the Brocas Novices Hurdle, but here I just prefer Mrs Rimell's recent find in Ireland, **Irish Harvest**.



Stan Mellor: chance of double at Windsor

WINDSOR

GOING: chase good to soft, hurdles soft

2.0 BROCAS NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £748: 2m 30yd) (22 runners)

1 00-0010 MOPSY LOVEJOY (B Smith) B Stevens 5-11-5 ... R Muggeridge 7
4 p/00p-f BAD LOVE (O J Henley) O Henley 11-11-3 ... W Elderfield 4
5 f BEARCONE (A S Portman) A Portman 5-11-3 ... -
6 3-20 CAPTAIN WEBSTER (J Woodman) S Woodman 5-11-3 ... R Dunwoody
7 EL GITANO (G R Bailey Ltd) G Blum 5-11-3 ... -
9 0-2220 HIMORRE (K H-gson) A Moore 6-11-3 ... G Moore
10 0032-00 INDIAN MAJOR (Miss P M Barnes) I Dudgeon 8-11-3 ... M Bastard
11 000 JIMJAMS (B) (G Shoemark) A Turnell 5-11-3 ... Steve Knight
18 20/0033 TURKOMAN (B) (D Sasse) D Sasse 6-11-3 ... S Shilston
19 p WATER SLADES (Mrs P A Tory) T Tory 5-11-3 ... B Powell
21 0b FERRERO-KINDER (Food Brokers Ltd) P Cundell 5-10-12 ... R Rowe
22 0p0000 GOLDEN MEDINA (Mrs S Perry) P Bailey 5-10-12 ... -
24 0f0-f0 VELINDRE (Mrs R Bonner) P Haynes 5-10-12 ... A Webb
25 00 BOSSY BOOTS (V Rabin) Mrs M Rimell 4-10-7 ... S Morshead
26 00 BURNS LAD (P J Wright) N Lee-Judson 4-10-7 ... -
27 403 CARO WOOD (B) (M J Haynes) M Haynes 4-10-7 ... H Davies
28 fp DASSELLS (A Elliott) D Jermy 4-10-7 ... G Old
29 DINADAN (D Roderick) D Roderick 4-10-7 ... Mr P MacEwan 7
32 0p00 MOHAR (B) (Full Circle Thoroughbred) N Tinkler 4-10-7 ... N Tinkler
33 p NAMOOS (F L Hill) P Mitchell 4-10-7 ... Mr S Sherwood
34 0 PIARA SINGH (Miss V L Bishop) I Campbell 4-10-7 ... R Campbell 4
36 4 ZIGGURAT (B) (M Ritzenberg) G Thorner 4-10-7 ... -
1984: Admiral s Ruler 4-10-7 K Mooney (4-1) F Walwyn 21 ran.

11-4 Caro Wood, 7-2 Indian Major, 5 Turkoman, 8 Jimjams, El Gitano, 12 Himorre, Bossy Boots, 16 Ziggurat, 25 thers

FORM: EL GITANO is a flat recruit worth noting. HIMORRE, (11-0) weakened from the final flight when 9th to Maganyos (10-9) at Sandown, previously (11-0) 1½l runner-up to Martial Commander (10-13) at Plumpton (2m hdle, £548, good to soft, Oct 30, 10 ran). INDIAN MAJOR (10-5) faded closing stages when 16l 5th to Highland Clipper (10-4) at Newbury (2m hdle, £1859, soft, Dec 31, 12 ran). JIMJAMS (11-0) made a bad mistake at half-way when 47l 5th to The Haciendero (11-7) at Kempton with Folly Hill (11-0) 5l in front of him 4th (2m hdle, £3605, good to soft, Dec 26, 6 ran). TURKOMAN (10-12) made a bad mistake 3 out when 13½l 3rd to Super Grass (10-12), earlier (11-4) beaten 12l and 10l into 3rd by French Captain (11-4) and Folly Hill (11-0) at Folkestone. MOPSY LOVEJOY (11-0) in 7th and CAPTAIN WEBSTER (11-0) 8th (2m hdle, £548, heavy, Dec 18, 10 ran). CARO WOOD (10-10) 5l 3rd to Royal Charge (10-10) at Warwick (2m hdle, £597, heavy, Dec 14, 23 ran).
Selection: JIMJAMS

2.30 HOLYPORT HANDICAP CHASE (£1,266: 2m 40yd) (6)

2 210p0f BASH STREET KID (Mrs V C Langford) D Oughton 10-11-7 ... P Double
5 200-211 THE FOODBROKER (Food Brokers Ltd) P Haynes 9-10-11 ... A Webb
6 0000/11 LEITH HILL FLYER (D R Powles Hunt) P Mitchell 9-10-0 ... Mr S Sherwood
7 b3333-0 SPANISH GOD (S N Burfield) C Popham 10-10-0 ... J Hurst 7
8 44bp/0p ROYAL POTION (D Pearman) D Pearman 10-10-0 ... R Dunwoody
9 400034 LITTLE TROUBLE (C Hitchings) C Hitchings 8-10-0 ... R Hyett
1984: No corresponding race.

13-8 Leith Hill Flyer, 9-4 The Foodbroker, 4 Bash Street Kid, 7 Little Trouble, 12 Spanish God, 16 Royal Potion.

FORM: THE FOODBROKER (11-5) already had the measure of subsequent Cheltenham winner Roadster (11-5) when that rival fell at the last, leaving him clear to beat Two Eagles (11-0) 20l at Kempton (2m ch, £2,019, good to soft, Dec 27, 5 ran). LEITH HILL FLYER (11-3) beat Golden Engaber (11-5) by 12l at Lingfield (2m ch, £1,701, soft, Jan 3, 11 ran).
Selection: LEITH HILL FLYER

3.0 COPPER HORSE HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,189: 2m 30yd) (13)

1 34002-0 CORPORAL CLINGER (Jay Dee Racing) M Pipe 5-11-10 ... P Leach
3 001013 DIDDELO (C,D) (G J Wise) B Wise 8-11-5 ... R Rowell
4 312-20p LIGHT SONG (L B Thwaites) F Walwyn 6-11-5 ... K Mooney
5 4010-0 IOWA (W Harrison-Allan) P Duggins 6-11-5 ... B Wright
8 102-400 FJORDING (Full Circle Thoroughbreds) N Tinkler 7-10-11 ... N Tinkler
10 0-00012 HIGH HEAVEN (B) (J Heal) A Moore 7-10-8 ... G Moore
12 0-p0p00 MORICE (B Hartery) P Bailey 7-10-8 ... C Gwilliam
14 00301-p PINK PATH (T Bartlett) C Popham 8-10-5 ... R Dunwoody
15 11001 MALISTRANO (J Upson) S Mellor 4-10-3 ... G Charles-Jones 4
17 00pp-p0 TALLYRAND (Mrs S James) A James 6-10-2 ... G Jones
18 00fpp-0 DERWENT KING (R Croft) Mrs J Croft 8-10-0 ... R Dickin
19 0442-00 PRINCE'S DRIVE (B Manning) B Palling 7-10-0 ... M Perrett
22 pf00pp- PRINCE PIRATE (O Henley) O Henley 10-10-0 ... W Elderfield 4
1984: Dalbury 6-10-9 P Corrigan (6-1) P Haynes 17 ran.

3 Diddelo, 7-2 Fjording, 9-2 Corporal Clinger, 6 Malistrano, 8 Light Song, High Heaven, 12 Iowa, 16 others.

FORM: CORPORAL CLINGER (10-11) 9l 5th to Triple Jump (10-7) at Haydock (2m 4f hdle, £1,937, good, Dec 12, 14 ran). DIDDELO (11-8) a 3l 3rd to French Captain (11-6) at Leicester (2m hdle, £1,046, soft, Dec 31, 12 ran). IOWA (10-6) 45l 5th to Southernair (11-5) at Fontwell (2m 2f) last season, however (11-1) 8l 6th to I haventalight (11-1) at Kempton (2m hdle, £2,885, fast, Feb 25, 8 ran). FJORDING (10-9) 11½l 5th to Comedy Fair (10-11) at Catterick (2m hdle, £1,381, good to soft, Dec 31, 17 ran). MALISTRANO (11-0) an 8l Wetherby winner from Nader (11-0) (2m hdle, £548, good, Dec 8, 15 ran).
Selection: IOWA

3.30 BOVENEY HANDICAP CHASE (£1,604: 3m) (4)

1 /13-112 GLENFOX (D) (BF) (P Dickson) S Mellor 8-11-10 ... M Perrett
3 0-1211f PLAY THE KNAVE (C) (BF) (C de Berry) P Bailey 8-11-4 ... S Morshead
4 01pp-p2 ANOTHER PLATER (C,D) (I Steers) P Bailey 10-11-2 ... P Nicholls
7 432-233 PLAYFIELDS (C,D) (Andrew Baird) P Burgoyne 11-10-0 ... G Charles-Jones 4
1984: (2m 5f) Straight Accord 9-12-7 S Shilston (15-8 fav) F Walwyn 11 ran.

Evens Glenfox, 2 Play The Knave, 9-2 Playfields, 8 Another Plater.

FORM: GLENFOX (10-9) 6l 2nd of 4 to Ballyross (10-4) at Cheltenham (3m 1f ch, £3178, soft, Jan 1). PLAY THE KNAVE, faller last time, previously (11-10) beat Emperor Charles (11-2) 2½l in Wincanton Nov Chase (2m 5f, £1293, good, Nov 29, 10 ran). ANOTHER PLATER (10-6) 25l 2nd to Another Duke (12-3) at Wincanton (3m 1f ch, £2018, good to soft, Dec 26, 5 ran). PLAYFIELDS (10-4) 12l 3rd of 9 to Doll Lars (10-6) at Towcester (2m 5f 110 yds ch, £1031, soft, Jan 2).
Selection: GLENFOX

Windsor selections

By Mandarin

2.0 Ferrero-Kinder. 2.30 The Foodbroker. 3.0 Malistrano. 3.30 Glenfox. 4.0 CRESUN (nap). 4.30 Irish Harvest.

By Michael Seely

3.0 MALISTRANO (nap). 4.0 Cresun.

4.0 KLIX DRINKS NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (£1,166: 2m 40yd) (10)

2 0000-1f CRESUN (C,D) (BF) (J C Bolam) S Woodman 8-11-7 ... R Dunwoody
3 44-0f40 ROSTRA (Col A Taylor) R Armytage 6-10-13 ... A Webber
4 2121/pp GYMER (W C Sleeman) W Sleeman 7-10-11 ... L Bloomfield 4
5 000041 NUDGE NUDGE (A Birchall) S Mellor 5-10-9 ... M Perrett
6 3fp-p4p SOMERSDAY (M B Small) M Francis 6-10-8 ... P Barton
7 0434-30 BALLIMA (Mrs D M Grissell) D Grissell 7-10-1 ... R Goldstein
8 000-p03 TRICKY BUSINESS (J A Bird) A Moore 7-10-0 ... G Moore
10 00-00f ARNET WE ALL (J Thorn) J Bridger 6-10-0 ... J Lovejoy
11 00p020- COLONEL CURTIS (S N Burfield) C Popham 6-10-0 ... J Hurst 7
13 ff0 CROWMAN (S L Mitchell) N Mitchell 7-10-0 ... B Powell
1984: No corresponding race.

11-10 Nudge Nudge, 2 Cresun, 6 Rostra, 12 Ballima, 16 Tricky Business, 25 others.

FORM: CRESUN in the lead when last fence faller last time, earlier (10-12) 7l winner from Oversway here (2m ch, £1223, good, Nov 10, 14 ran). ROSTRA (10-9) not reach leaders when 11½l 5th of 16 to Marina Star (11-5) at Hereford (2m ch, £1254, soft, Dec 20). NUDGE NUDGE (10-12) made all for 20l Chepstow victory over Tommy Tudor (10-12) (2m ch, £1313, soft, Dec 22, 8 ran). TRICKY BUSINESS (10-12) beaten 22½l when last of 3 finishers behind Fil De Fer (11-0) at Fontwell (2m 2f 110yds ch, £1590, soft, Dec 28, 5 ran).
Selection: CRESUN

4.30 BROCAS NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: £752: 2m 30yd) (22)

1 02-0431 SUPER GRASS (S P Tindall) S Mellor 6-11-10 ... M Perrett
5 CELTIC CRACKLE (Mrs E Ellis) P Cundell 5-11-3 ... S Smith Eccles
8 00 FELL CLIMB (C I Henty) P Bailey 5-11-3 ... A Webber
10 00/003- HABALLOO (A Sullivan) B Stevens 7-11-3 ... R Muggeridge 7
11 044 LISLARY LAD (V Rabin) Mrs M Rimell 5-11-3 ... S Morshead
13 03333 MIGHTY STEEL (P J Wright) N Lee-Judson 5-11-3 ... -
15 PRIORY POACHER (Mrs P A Tory) T Tory 6-11-3 ... R Dunwoody
21 fp0 VINO ROSSO (H J Joel) A Turnell 5-11-3 ... Steve Knight
22 00-p0p3 WHITE NILE (P J Wright) N Lee-Judson 5-11-3 ... -
24 12 PETIT PAIN (BF) (L Sainer) F Winter 4-11-0 ... J Francome
26 pp-0 CLAIR SOLEIL (R Croft) Mrs J Croft 5-10-12 ... R Dickin
27 0p-0 FFAIR WEN (D Roderick) D Roderick 6-10-12 ... Mr P MacEwan 7
28 00/020- SINGING TROOPER (H V Perry) N Mitchell 6-10-12 ... B Powell
31 BRIAN BOY (J James) D Jermy 4-10-7 ... G Old
32 pp0 CLASSIC OWEN (Mrs N F Pride) R Atkins 4-10-7 ... R Atkins
33 FOREWARN (Hat Records Ltd) R Akehurst 4-10-7 ... D Smith
35 IN THE BREEZE (R Gomersall) N Tinkler 4-10-7 ... N Tinkler
36 IRISH HARVEST (R J Walton) Mrs M Rimell 4-10-7 ... A Sharpe
38 00 REDGRAVE ARTIST (C Redgrave) K Bishop 4-10-7 ... P Richards
41 004 THE REEDCUTTER (B) (D N Larke) Mrs N Smith 4-10-7 ... R owe
43 PRINCESS POSSUM (Mrs P Mitchell) P Mitchell 4-10-2 ... Mr S Sherwood
44 21 SEDGE (C Wright) O O'Neill 4-10-2 ... -
1984: Hurry Up Henry 5-10-10 Mr R Dunwoody (25-1) T Forster 20 ran.

2 Petit Pain, 100-30 Super Grass, 11-2 Irish Harvest, 7 Lislary Lad, 8 In The Breeze, 12 The Reedcutter, 14 Mighty Steel, 20 others.

FORM: SUPER GRASS (10-12) 12l Stratford winner from Expeditions (10-12) (2m hdle, £752, good to soft, Dec 29, 14 ran). LISLARY LAD (10-12) 25l 4th of 18 to Maganyos (11-0) at Stratford (2m hdle, £708, good to soft, Dec 29). MIGHTY STEEL (11-4) 5l 3rd of 13 to Russborough (10-11) at Plumpton on Monday (2m 4f hdle, £626, heavy, Jan 28). PETIT PAIN 5l 2nd (11-0) to Double Swing (11-0) over 2m 2l last time, previously (11-0) 15l Hereford winner from Nader (11-7) (2m hdle, £744, soft, Dec 20, 17 ran). REDGRAVE ARTIST (10-9) bit backward when 26l 6th of 16 to Major Mark (10-9) at Taunton (2m 1f hdle, £536, soft, Dec 28). SEDGE (10-0) 10l Warwick selling winner from Pat On The Back (10-12) (2m hdle, £479, heavy, Dec 14, 17 ran).
Selection: MIGHTY STEEL – if absent PETIT PAIN.

An insight into the work of Racecourse Security Services

Keeping racing on the rails

As far as most betting shop punters are concerned there is little doubt that nearly everyone professionally involved in racing is as crooked as a corkscrew. You have only to listen to their cynical post-race analysis to know that.

Speaking through their pockets maybe, but cases like the much publicized one last year involving Harry Bardsley, the gambler and "race-fixer", who was exposed by the *Sun* newspaper, certainly provide fuel for their cynicism. And if those backers made it their business to talk to certain sections of racing folk, they might be forgiven for thinking that many top jockeys are "on the take", a good *proportion* of trainers solely concerned with bringing off betting coups, and bookmakers the villainous paymasters behind every evil on the turf.

Those same hard-bitten punters might feel a lot happier if they had the opportunity to talk to Peter Smiles, director of Racecourse Security Services Ltd, which, via the Levy, spends some £1.7 million of punters' money on the maintenance and improvement of the integrity of our racing, which he describes as the straightest in the world.

Smiles is no starry-eyed idealist with visions of a villain-free racing Utopia. He acknowledges that where there is potentially easy money to be made, people will always be tempted to cheat.

"We believe there are bigger fish than Bardsley around", Smiles says. "But it is all relative. People tend to remember the odd case of corruption that is splashed across the front pages, but forget the hundreds of thousands of other races that are completely straight.

"As far as betting goes we are well down the league per capita and we are pretty clean compared to countries where they are much more gambling orientated."

The experienced Smiles is wary of being specific because he has already become embroiled in the laws of libel when citing corrupt practices of overseas countries where officialdom and the police are involved. However, he does say by way of example that Bardsley and his like are small fry compared with someone like Tony Ciulla, who was found guilty of fixing races in the United States on a massive scale.

Substantial catch

Smiles also acknowledges that although jockeys are forbidden to bet under the rules of racing, some of them do have punters who put money on for them, and he admits the existence from time to time of jockeys' "rings".

The problem, even where they are sure that a licensed professional is involved in corruption, is proving it – in other words, actually seeing money change hands. This was the case with Bardsley. "Mr Bardsley had come to our notice before he was exposed", Smiles says. "The *Sun* were able to expose him because they set a costly trap."

What RSS can do in such cases, though, is to act as a powerful deterrent, something that forms a major part of their activities.

"Seventy five per cent of our work is preventive", Smiles says. "If, for example, we suspect a jockey of taking bribes we would go up to him and say something like 'Jockey X, it has come to our notice that rumours are circulating about your *association with bookmaker Y'. That will* often be enough to stop him."

In the case of John Francome's association with the bookmaker John Banks in 1978, an approach did more than deter. It netted Smiles a substantial catch after only a few months in the job. An approach was made to Francome and he confessed. Francome was banned for two months and fined £750 for passing information to Banks, who was fined £2,500 and warned off for six years.

RSS was formed in 1972 as a result of a Jockey Club working party which looked into the security side of British racing. Its predecessor, Race course Personnel Organization, had been set up in the 1920s to combat the notorious razor-wielding race gangs described in Graham Green's novel, *Brighton Rock*.



Time to relax: Smiles enjoys an informal chat with Willie Carson

Smiles acquired his racing training as a stipendiary steward in Australia. He took over at RSS in 1977 and soon realized the need for them to be more active. "We were sitting back and waiting for things to happen", he says. "I felt there should be a shift of emphasis away from the routine policing side, the ring inspectors who deal with such matters as turnstile fiddles and betting disputes, and the guards who protect the horses in the racecourse stables, to a more investigative role on and off the course."

While still viewing the policing work as essential, Smiles increased the investigative team from two to five – all former police officers. These investigating officers have virtual carte blanche to go anywhere on racing premises under their Jockey Club licence. This is something that their French counterparts, for example, cannot do, although their powers are not as comprehensive as those of their opposite *numbers in the United States, where they* can search people's homes.

Smiles had always been mindful of the views of his predecessor, Brigadier Henry Green, who impressed on him the importance of monitoring betting as a barometer to the whole sphere of racing activity. His next and latest innovation, therefore, and perhaps his most significant, was the introduction of betting intelligence officers.

"While the ring inspectors have always done an adequate job in this respect," Smiles says, "I realized it needed someone with a specialized knowledge of betting to understand the significance of fluctuations in the market."

So in September last year he appointed four betting intelligence officers – two from within RSS and two from outside, both former bookmaker employees. These BIOs note suspicious market moves and send in daily reports to Smiles. They work closely with the stewards' secretaries, discussing the market moves on every race.

From their observations over a period of time, patterns emerge. For example, punter X always backs trainer Y's horses when jockey Z is riding them, or bookmaker A always lays trainer B's horses when they lose. Smiles and his staff have built up a massive cross-reference index system (which they soon hope to computerize) of information on virtually everyone of interest to them on the racecourse.

In the celebrated case of the "wonder horse", Gorytus, who was alleged to have *been doped* when he failed abysmally in the Dewhurst Stakes of 1983, the whole spectrum of RSS activity came into play. An investigating team interviewed staff at the stables of Dick Hern, the trainer of Gorytus; the betting intelligence officer at Newmarket analysed the betting and concluded that none of the "wrong" people had backed against the horse; the veterinary team examined the horse and finally the RSS laboratory at Newmarket carried out tests which revealed that the horse had not been doped.

Doping is a major part of the work of RSS. The word itself is frequently misused to cover relatively innocuous cases, such as the whole series involving accidentally contaminated foodstuffs four years ago.

Dr Michael Moss, the head of the internationally-renowned RSS laboratory at Newmarket, is angered by misleading "shock-horror" doping headlines that mislead the public. "There is virtually no doping in the traditional sense nowadays", Dr Moss says. "Mostly we are dealing with things like contaminated foodstuffs and cases where a vet accidentally gives a horse a legal medication too close to a race".

In the case of the French horse Vayrann, who was disqualified from the 1981 Champion Stakes after tests found the presence of a steroid, the decision was reversed when further tests revealed that the horse synthesized his own steroid. Incidentally, this case was the last positive steroid case in England, which provides an answer to rumours circulating about their current use.

The RSS laboratory does around 5,500 *routine* tests for the Jockey Club every year, about 9 per cent of all runners. Two thirds of these are winners (all classic winners and runners-up are tested) and the rest are random tests carried out at the discretion of the stewards.

The highest proportion of positive tests come in 1981 – 50 out of 5,057. This was the year which covered the contaminated horse nuts cases (stricter controls by *manufacturers were introduced, although* there is a case involving a northern trainer pending). The average number of positive tests is between five and 20.

Figures for the last seven years are: 1979 – 5,033 Jockey Club samples, 18 positive; 1980 – 5,453, 15; 1981 – 5,057, 50; 1982 – 5,658, 5; 1983 – 5,554, 11; 1984 – 5,748, 6.

Top laboratory

The RSS laboratory, with its outstanding equipment and research facilities, is recognized as probably the best in the world (they were the first to introduce tests for anabolic steroids in 1976). This is borne out by the fact that almost half their clients are from overseas, bringing in an annual income of around £300,000. Interestingly, Dr Moss reveals that these overseas samples tend to turn up a much higher proportion of positives. Last year, out of 4,323 there were 61 positives.

There have been rumours circulating recently about undetectable "stopper" drugs, and such new techniques as synthesizing endorphines to boost performance. *Dr Moss does not dismiss these* as nonsense. However, he is confident that, backed up by the early-warning system of the betting intelligence officers, he and his men are staying well ahead in the never-ending race between the pharmacist and the analyst.

Peter Smiles concedes that racing will not thrive without a suspicion of dirt. What must be reassuring to the punter is that he and the men of RSS appear to be keeping that dirt to an acceptable level.

John Karter

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Falling pound pushes up prices as foreign buyers flood in

By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent



Capital gain: The Edwardian block close to Kensington Gardens, Hyde Park Gate, where three unmodernized flats went for £645,000

The strength of the dollar is having a marked effect on the London market of both houses and flats.

The weakness of sterling and the rise of the dollar is making homes in the capital look exceptionally cheap to rich international buyers. Properties priced from £250,000 to £2 million or more are attracting "incredible" interest. There are not enough high quality, well modernized properties on the market to satisfy demand – with the inevitable further pressure on prices, says Beauchamp Estates director Gary Hersham.

He says the high-price sector has always been related to the dollar. "This has been the case for a long time, for the reason that potential buyers of London homes from many parts of the world, especially from the oil producing countries, relate prices to dollars."

Some sellers, responding to this situation, are setting their sights at what appears to be unrealistic levels. Mr Hersham gives an example of a property which he believes should have been placed on the market at £325,000 and possibly sold at £300,000. It was offered at £375,000 and sold for £360,000 – 20 per cent higher than the realistic expectation. "But translate these figures into dollars and relate them to the fall in the sterling/dollar exchange rate, and it is clear how prices are being forced upwards."

One effect of the competition and the shortage of properties is the number of contract races in progress. For one property with an asking price of £445,000, three potential buyers are speeding to exchange contracts, and the price will surely rise.

Lassmans found enormous interest for three unmodernized mansion flats in an Edwardian block close to Kensington Gardens at Hyde Park Gate, London. The result was competition among prospective purchasers at the full asking prices ranging from £200,000 to £235,000, and two ran a contract race which ended with the sale of all three for £645,000. The flats require improvement and modernization, and will be offered for resale later this year.

Mr Daniel Stein, of London and Leeds Investments Ltd, a subsidiary of the Ladbroke Group, reports high sales through their agents, Chestertons, of their development of 10 apartments at Hyde Park Square on the Hyde Park Estate.

This new development has already sold £2 million of the £6.3 million total value in five apartments, three of which have gone to Americans, one to an English buyer and one to an Australian.

One attraction is the level of service charge. In New York a three-bedroom apartment would cost £20,000; the equivalent charge for this development is £5,500 a year.

The apartments start at £445,000 for a three-bedroomed flat, ranging through the four-bedroomed flats at £640,000 to the penthouses at £675,000. But one of the three-bedroomed flats has just been sold for £575,000 – a huge increase on the asking price.

Mr Stein says there has been an enormous influx of Americans going for top quality schemes, pushing the prices up. "There are not that many new developments of high quality in London, and because of that we are achieving record prices," he said.

American buyers concentrate on Mayfair as their prime target, and John D Wood can usually offer a selection of high quality flats in that area. In Carlo Place, in a small block between Grosvenor Square and Berkeley Square, close to the Connaught Hotel, they are offering a first floor flat, with three bedrooms, three bathroom suites and three reception rooms, for £250,000.

In Curzon Street, in a block close to Berkeley Square, John D Wood are offering a third floor flat with three double bedrooms, two bathrooms and a large reception room for £220,000, with an annual service charge of about £5,000.

At a lower price level, but still in great demand, Barratt's Brompton Park development of flats ranges from studios to two bedroomed flats costing from £47,250 to £100,500. Brompton Park in Fulham is quiet and secluded yet has easy access to the West End, set in eight landscaped acres with a central park, and a leisure complex for the resident.

Flats at Brompton Park are available for rent through Chestertons to companies only, at prices ranging from £115 a week for studios, £140 a week for one bedroomed flats and from £170 a week for the two bedroomed flats.

Gary Hersham, of Beauchamp Estates, said: "If combined pressure from the major European finance ministers reverses the trend, one would expect prices to reach a more stable and realistic level. How long would property owners then have to hang on before seeing another price rise?"

He does not see any likelihood of prices going back or demand lessening, even in the fairly long term. "London is still perceived as being politically safe and a good place to have a home", he concludes.

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Gone East: The Garden House at Cottered on offer at £350,000

A Japanese country garden

A splendid garden is a great help in selling a house, but very few properties are sold for their gardens alone. One of the few is the Garden House at Cottered, Hertfordshire, which has an authentic Japanese garden in addition to traditional English and Italian gardens set amid wooded grounds of nearly 12 acres.

The exotic surroundings enclose a Canadian ranch-style house with three reception rooms and two bedrooms, built by Mr Ironside Tetley-Jones, of the tea firm. He bought the property in 1964 and enlarged and modernized the two storey guest house in the grounds.

The Japanese garden, over five acres, was created in the early part of the 20th century on the instructions of the glass and china merchant Herbert Goode, and is now at full maturity. It contains lanterns, ornaments, shrines and idols, trees and shrubs, most of which made the journey from Japan in the hulls of tea clippers.

The garden, bordered by a bamboo hedge, was arranged under the direction of expert Japanese landscape gardeners and needs little maintenance. It includes all the classical Japanese garden features such as ornamental pools stocked with exotic fish and spanned by miniature bridges. There is an "authentic" tea house built more recently, shelters, pavilions and a large number of specimen trees and shrubs.

It's difficult to believe this is Hertfordshire

It is completed by rock gardens and waterfalls, caves and stands for works of art, and the whole area is crossed by a series of paths and bridges, making it difficult to believe that the visitor is near a Hertfordshire village and not in a peaceful corner of Japan.

There is also a formal European garden with lawns, rose beds and fine blue cedar trees, and the grounds are surrounded by mature trees which preserve the house's seclusion. Savills and Watsons of Royston, Herts, are asking for offers of around £350,000.

A very different garden is offered with Park Farm, Crink Lane, Southwell, Nottinghamshire, which has extensive views. The agents make the interesting if unlikely claim that it is the only house in England with views across open fields to a minster (Southwell).

This country house, in 12 acres, has six bedrooms and five bathrooms, with an imposing drawing or music room on the first floor. The owner, Mr Simon Sherbrooke, believes the agents' description of the garden as "attractive" is not enough. It contains – apart from masses of snowdrops and cowslips – pear and plum trees, a fig tree and nectarines, apple trees, medlars, a quince, fruiting walnut and plum trees.

In the wood there are more than 20 varieties of daffodils, winter cyclamen, forget-me-not, whitebells, bluebells, celandine, grape hyacinths, wood anemone, chionodoxa and scilla.

Turner Fletcher and Essex of Nottingham, are asking for offers around £145,000.

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Cobbled courtyard, and the Tower for a neighbour

■ If you want a house near the City of London and are prepared to venture a little way east, then Hawksmoor Mews, Cable Street, London E1 – close to the Tower of London – is in the right place. A new development of 10 houses has been built there, with a gated entrance through an 18th century terrace leading to a cobbled courtyard, and looking towards the fine Hawksmoor tower of St George's-in-the-east. Two gatehouses are already under offer, but two other types are available through Frank Harris and Company of 81, Marchmont Street, London WC1 – one-bedroomed two storey houses at £69,500, and three storey houses with two bedrooms at £92,500 and £97,500.

■ The Chelsea house occupied by the spy Greville Wynne during his liaison with British intelligence, featured recently in the BBC television series Wynne and Penkovsky, is for sale. Humberts are asking £550,000 for 19, Upper Cheyne Row, which has five bedrooms, a roof terrace and a studio cottage.

■ A carefully modernized 17th century cottage at Long Compton, Shipston on Stour, Warwickshire, is for sale through Knight Frank and Rutley's Chipping Norton office, which is seeking offers around £78,000. Archway Cottage, modernized 12 years ago, retains many of the original features, including exposed beams. It has a sitting room, dining room, music room/study and four bedrooms. The gardens, with lawn and fruit trees surrounded by flower borders, are enclosed by dry stone walling. From the road, the driveway passes under the property through the archway to a fine wrought iron gate.

■ An early Georgian merchant's house in Flask Walk, Hampstead, is for sale at £275,000 through Anscombe and Ringland's Hampstead office. It was once the home of Lord Tennyson, the poet Laureate, who lived there during the 1850s and 1860s.

■ *Prescott House, a fine 16th century Cotswold House with outstanding views to the Malvern Hills situated near Winchcombe (about eight miles from Cheltenham), is for sale through Hampton and Sons' Cheltenham office by public tender, closing on March 28. The agents are being cautious about the expected price, saying only that they expect a sale price "in six figures". The house, former home of the painter Francis Bacon, is approached by a three-quarter mile drive which is the famous Prescott Hill climb owned by the Bugatti Owners Club. The 11-bedroom house needs considerable improvement.*

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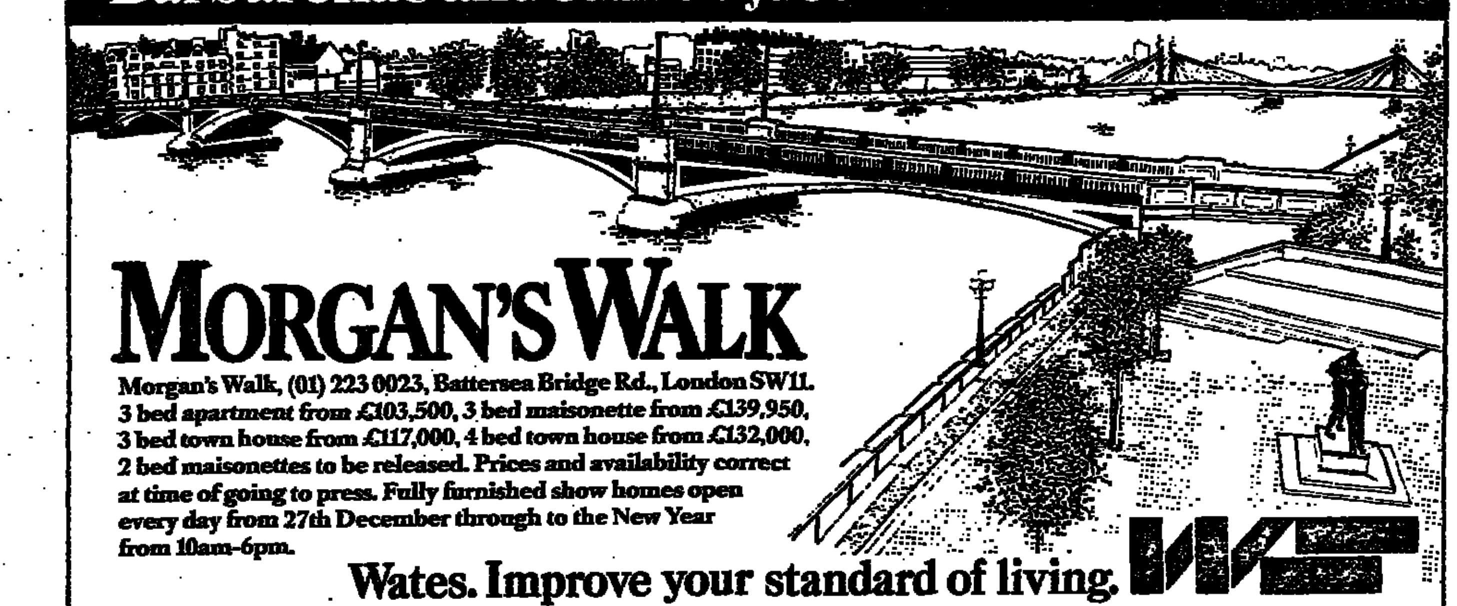
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D. W. JOHN
Secretary.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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The Church Commissioners have prepared draft Pastoral Schemes providing for a declaration of redundancy of the church of Saint John the Baptist, Llanrothal in the parish of Welsh Newton with Llanrothal (Hereford diocese) and for its vesting in the Redundant Churches Fund; and for declaring redundant the parish church of the parish of Hopton Cangeford (same diocese).
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BIRTHS

BARRIGAN – On January 24 to Alice (nee Storey) and Rob, a son, Hugh Robert Stubbs.

BELLHOUSE – on 22nd January to Jane and John, a son Frederick James.

BERRIDGE – On 26th January, to Fanny (nee Dorer) and Hugh, a daughter, Harriet Sophia.

BODINGTON – On January 23th at RCH Hospital Winchester to Frances (nee Chapman) and Peter, a daughter, Katharine Joan.

CAVENDISH – On January 29th, at Queen Charlottes to Frances, wife of Ned Cavendish, a daughter.

COLVIN – On 26th January to Monica, nee Ball and James, a daughter.

DUNN – On January 27th, to Rachel and Jonathan, a daughter Imogen Chloe, a sister for Thomas.

EXELBY – on 27th January at Rochford Hospital, Essex to Susan Petrina (nee Wilson), and Nigel a daughter, Daneka Marie.

FIELD. – On January 25th to Carolyn (nee Maguire) and Peter – a daughter (Katherine Clare) a sister for Christopher.

GAFFORD – on January 22nd at Chipping Norton War Memorial Hospital to Amanda (nee Bret) Smith & Geoffrey a son James Alexander Geoffrey, a brother for Philippa.

GILKS. – On January 16 1985 to Christine and Nicholas – a son (James Andrew Ramsay).

GURNEY. – On January 28th, at the Westminster Hospital, to Georgina and Michael – a son.

HARTILL – On January 28th at Doncaster Royal Infirmary to Carole (nee Graham) and Anthony a beautiful daughter Rhiannon.

HASELHURST. – On the 27th January at The Countess of Chester Hospital, to Catherine (nee Harper) and Ian – a son (James Shand).

HAWKER – On Jan 23rd, in Oxford, to Jane (nee Ingram) and Christopher, a daughter, Kate Margaret Louise, a sister for Nicholas.

JACOB. – On January 26th, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Susi and Jasper – a daughter (Mollie), sister to Georgia.

LANGTON On 26th January, at St Theresa's, Wimbledon, to Andrew and Carole, a daughter India Rose, another sister for Clementine, Harry, Flossie and Bambie.

LUCAS – On 23rd January 1985, to Gillian and Egbert, a much welcomed daughter Cheryl.

MACHALE – on January 17, to Minnie (nee Dunbar-Nasmith) and Joe in White Plains, New York a daughter, Laura Jane, a sister for Henry.

MICHELL – On the 25th January to Louise and Michael, a daughter, Victoria Anne.

NASIR. – On 26th January, to Shirin (nee Hoosenally) and Amirali – a son.

O'NEILL – On 15th January to Jean (nee Tresdale) and Peter, a daughter, Casey Samantha.

PALLAS. – On December 28th, in Gibraltar, to Sandy (nee Gibbons) and Harry – a son (Robert James).

RAMAGE. – On 27th January to Vivienne and Andrew a son James a brother for Nicholas and Alasdair.

RIZVI – On 5th January, to Joanna (nee Hughes-Ross) and Amer, a daughter, Carma.

WALKER. On 23rd January at Princess Margaret Hospital, Swindon, to Skip (nee Pearce) and Simon – a daughter (Prunella Anne).

DEATHS

ARCHER – On 27th January, after a long illness borne with great courage, Joy, much loved younger daughter of Oliver and Ivy Barnes (dec'd), wife, mother of treasured daughter Jocelyn Pat, sister and grandmother. Cremation at Charing Crematorium, Kent on Monday, 4th February at 11.30am. Family flowers only, but donations may be sent to Cancer Research c/o Kensons, 4a Marloes Road, London W8.

BARTLETT. – On January 26th peacefully, Donald Bruton Bartlett M.A. of Westcliffe-on-Sea. Beloved husband and father. Funeral service at Crowstone, St. George United Reformed Church, King's Road, Westcliffe-on-Sea on Tuesday February 5th at 11.30am. Followed by cremation at Southend crematorium. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to the Parkinsons Disease Society, 36 Portland Place, London W1.

BATTEN – On 28th January, peacefully in hospital at Midhurst, Edith Mary (Mollie) Batten, within 10 days of her 80th birthday. Funeral service at Midhurst Parish Church on Friday 1st February at 11.30am followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to South London Industrial Mission, 27 Blackfriars Road, London SE1 8NY.

BELL, TOM, on January 24, at home, aged 70, after a rich and varied life. Born Shoreham, Kent. Educated Shoreham, Sevenoaks, Toronto and Trinity College, Cambridge. Colonial Service, Palestine, Guyana. Senior Lecturer at Trinity and Kenya. Supply teacher at many London schools in his retirement years. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. Service Shoreham Church, 11 am, February 5.

BEST-SHAW. – See Porter

BLAIR Peacefully at Craig Dunain Hospital, Inverness on 24th January 1935, Elizabeth Smith, MB, ChB, DPH. Late of Ardvohr Dell Road, Nethybridge, Inverness-shire and formerly of Leatherhead, Surrey. Daughter of the late George and Elizabeth Blair of Dysart, internment at Abernethy Churchyard, Nethybridge at 10.30 a.m. on Friday 1st February 1935 to which all friends are respectfully invited. Flowers to John Ross, Funeral Directors, Dulnain Bridge, Inverness-shire (Tel 0479 85377).

BLAKSNEY – On January 26, 1985, in hospital in Canterbury, Handley Edward, aged 83, beloved husband of Margaret and father of Anne.

BOOTH. – On January 25, suddenly and peacefully at the Westminster Hospital, Simon Booth, dearly loved husband of Elizabeth and father of Jonathan, Caroline and Tim. Private cremation. Memorial service took place at St James Church, Shere, yesterday, January 29th, at 2.30 pm. Donations, if desired, to Save the Children.

BRANN, OLAF. – On January 27, suddenly. Cremation at Beckenham Crematorium on Monday, February 4 at 3 p.m. No flowers please. Donations to Balliol College Dervorgilla Appeal.

BRATT – Amy Barbara of 2 Eversden Close, Toft, Cambridge. Beloved wife of Bernard and devoted sister of Dorothy, peacefully in hospital on Wednesday, 23rd January 1985, aged 76 years. The funeral service will take place 10.30am at Cambridge City Crematorium on Monday, 4th February 1985. No flowers by request please, but donations to the British Heart Foundation, 1 Market Street, Saffron Walden, Essex would be appreciated.

BURROUGH – Eveline Rose on 27th January 1985, at Penny Cottage, Broad Chalke, Salisbury. Loving sister of Tom and aunt of John and Axel. Funeral service at All Saints Broad Chalke, on Friday, 1st February, at 2 p.m., followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, for Salisbury Hospice Trust, to Richard T. Adlem, Funeral Director, Park Cottage, Handley, Salisbury, Wilts.

CARNEGIE – On January 27th, peacefully at home at Cowden, James Murray aged 75. Most beloved husband of Diana and dearly loved father of Sue, Charlotte and Sophie. Funeral service on Thursday January 31st at The Church of St Mary Magdalene, Cowden at 11.30 a.m. Followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. If desired donations to Mental Health Foundation, c/o E. R. Hickmott & Son, 41 Grove Hill Road, Tunbridge Wells.

CAVE. – On 27th January 1985, in Frimley Park Hospital, after a short illness, Joan Elizabeth, of Overway, Tilford, near Farnham, Surrey. Beloved widow of Richard Walter Dundonald Cave. Funeral at All Saints Church, Tilford, on Friday February 1st, at 3.15pm. Flowers to H.C. Patrick & Co, 86 East Street, Farnham. Tel: (0252) 714884.

CORBETT – On January 28, peacefully in Jersey, Rupert Shelton, Hon Consulting Surgeon to St Bartholomew's Hospital and much loved step-father of James Robinson. No flowers please, but if desired, donations to The Darts Research Trust, St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, EC1A 7BE.

COWPER – Mary G. on 27th January 1985, loved wife of the late John Cowper and mother of Christopher, Linn and Anthony. Requiem Mass at St Mary's Church, Aughton on Friday 1st February at 9.30am, followed by cremation at Southport. No flowers please, donations in lieu to Ormskirk Hospital Post-graduate Medical Centre would be appreciated.

CRAMMOND – On January 27th 1985, peacefully at home, in his 88th year, George Reginald, much loved father of Ian and Joan and grandfather of Virginia, Sarah and Fiona. Funeral service at Farnham Parish Church, on Friday, February 1st at 2.30pm.

FIELD. On January 29th H. Stanley Field, OBE, aged 97. Loved father of Peter and Margaret (Barker Harland), grandfather and great grandfather. Cremation private. Memorial service at Holy Trinity Church, Cookham, Berks on Friday, February 8th at 2.30 p.m.

GORDON, ANTHONY LESLIE. Suddenly at home on 27th January, adored and beloved husband of Yvonne (Babs) of 10, Mayfield Park, Shrewsbury and formerly of Plymouth. Funeral service at Shrewsbury crematorium on Tuesday February 5th at 12 noon. No flowers by request. Donations if desired to the National Association for the Relief of Paget's Disease.

DEATHS

GORDON, ANTHONY LESLIE. The very dear and respected father and friend of Alex . . . Father-in-Law of Elaine "and Grandie" to Margaret and Juliette. His kindness and wisdom, will be so deeply missed always . . .

GORST. – On January 28th Mary Caroline Dorothea, widow of Henry Percy Gorst at Hays Shaftsbury in Dorset. Cremation at Salisbury Crematorium 2pm on Tuesday 5th February 1988.

GREENWOOD – On 25th January, Eileen Courtney "Julia" widow of C.J. Greenwood, publisher, and mother of Gavin. Funeral at Golders Green Crematorium on Tuesday, February 5th at 12.20pm. No flowers, but donations if desired to Friends of Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead.

GRUBB – Lois Keitha, on January 29th. Dearly loved wife of Jack and adored mother of Susan and Angela. Service in Wellington College Chapel, Crowthorne, at 10.45, on Friday 1st February, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading.

HICKS. – On 28th January 1985, Joan at Westheath Hospital, Birmingham. Funeral service at Robin Hood Crematorium, Birmingham, on Friday 1st February at 9.30am. Flowers to the Co-Operative Funeral Service, 1290 Pershore Road, Rood, Stirchley, Birmingham B30 by 5pm 31st Jan or donations Oxfam.

LEEK – On January 26th, suddenly, Frank Filce Leek LDS, RCS, FSA, Husband of Phyllis and father of Lesley. Funeral at St John's Church, Aldbury, Tring, on Friday, February 1st, at 2 p.m. Enquiries to: R Metcalfe, Berkhamsted 4848.

LESTER On January 27th, aged 84 Lilian, beloved nanny to the Donaldson-Hudson at St Georges Hospital, London. Funeral Crematorium. No flowers. Donations if desired to Cancer Research.

MORLEY DAVIES. – On January 26th, in her 87th year, Iliffe, widow of William Morley Davies and dear mother of Margaret, John and Bryan. Funeral at Shrewsbury Crematorium on Monday, February 4th, at 1.20 p.m. Flowers and enquiries, please, to W. R. Pugh & Son, 133 Longden, Coleham, Shrewsbury. Tel. (0743) 4646.

NEWBERY, on January 25th 1988, Alfred William Newbery of Oakenvales Broadway, Letchworth, Hertfordshire, aged 84 years. Funeral service at St Katharine Church, Ickelford on Friday 1st February 1985 at 11am (followed by private cremation. Flowers and enquiries to V. R Jennings, 32 Arlesey Road, Ickelford, Hitchin, Herts. Tel: Hitchin 50647.

NUNNS, MARY FLORENCE, of Brentwood, a daughter of the late Adam Roger Hulton, widow of Edmund B. Nunns and mother of Roger, Thomas and Angela, on 26th January, 1985.

PINCKHEARD – Gwendoline Mary. On 25th January 1985, aged 75, of Barnes, London, after declining health, bravely fought, wife of the late John A Pinckheard, ARIBA and mother of son Tom. Funeral at Putney Vale Crematorium, Roehampton, on Friday 1st Feb, at 1pm. No flowers, donations if wished to the Arthritis & Rheumatism Council for Research.

PORTER – on January 26th 1985, at Boxley Abbey, Emily Jane, aged 86 loved and loving nanny, for 59 years to the children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of the best – Shaw family RIP.

POSNER. – On Tuesday, January, 29th 1985, David Louis, Poet, in Orlando, Florida, USA. Cremation in Orlando. Donations in lieu of flowers to St Nicholas Hospice Appeal, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk. A memorial service in England will be announced.

SMITH, ERIC D – On January 26th, 1985, beloved husband of Christine, loved father and grandfather. Funeral on Friday, February 1st, 10.30 a.m., at West Herts Crematorium, Garston. Donations, if desired, to Cancer Research.

SWAIN – On 29th January at Paddocks Hospital, Prince's Risboro, Freda Swain, FRCM. Funeral service Oxford, Headington Crematorium at 11am on Tuesday, 5th February. No flowers please.

TURNER – On 26th January 1985 after a short illness, peacefully at her home, Old Brook Farm, Nether Wallop, Hampshire, Nancy Helen Turner, widow of Lt Col Charles Henry Turner of Kinharrachie, Ellon, Aerdeenshire Funeral private.

WATERS. – William Alexander FRS on 28th January in Oxford, aged 81 Fellow of Balliol 1945-70. Emeritus Fellow of Balliol 1970-85.

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HALL, Geoffrey Ernest Hall otherwise Geoffrey Hall late of Flat 10, 61 Tisbury Road, Hove, East Sussex died at Brighton, East Sussex on 6th March 1983 (Estate about £7,000)

HENDERSON, Jessie Milburn Henderson otherwise Jessie Henderson, spinster late of Belford, Briars Way, Hartley, Dartford, Kent died at Dartford on 15th January 1984 (Estate about £86,000)

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9.00 Ceefax. 10.30 Play School, presented by Kate Copstick, with guest, Ben Bazell (r).
10.50 Gharbar. Magazine programme for Asian women. This week's edition includes a discussion on in-car protection for the family. 11.15 Ceefax.
12.30 News After Noon with Richard Whitmore and Frances Coverdale. The weather prospects come from Bill Giles. 12.57 Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles).
1.00 Pebble Mill at One with a new recipe from the cooking canon, the Rev. John Eley and advice on looking after pets from veterinary surgeon, Eddie Straiton. 1.45 King Rollo (r). 1.50 Bric-a-Brac, presented by Brian Cant (r).
2.00 International Snooker: The Benson and Hedges Masters. A best of nine frames first round match between Terry Griffiths and Bill Werbeniuk (continues on BBC 2). 3.48 Regional news (not London).
3.50 Play School, presented by Brian Jameson. The guest is Sarah Long. 4.10 The Puppy's New Adventures. Cartoon series about a puppy looking for his master. 4.30 Jackanory. Tony Aitken reads part two of Harry's Mad, by Dick King Smith. 4.45 Captain Caveman. Cartoon series.
4.55 John Craven's Newsround. 5.05 Eureka, presented by Sarah Greene and Paul McDowell includes a history of beauty competitions (r). 5.30 The Railway Carriage Game. Celebrity quiz with Lennie Bennett and Stan Boardman. 5.58 Weather.
6.00 News with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell.
6.30 London Plus presented by Sally Magnusson, Guy Michelmore and Bob Wellings.
6.55 The Golden Oldie Picture Show, introduced by Dave Lee Travis. The hit records of the Sixties with videos made in the Eighties.
7.20 International Snooker: The Benson and Hedges Masters. A best of nine frames first round match between Steve Davis and Alex Higgins.
8.10 Dallas. An unlikely alliance is formed between J.R. and Cliff Barnes who are both concerned about the turn in events; Bobby is in for another shock; and Pam and Jenna both prepare for trips abroad (Ceefax).
9.00 News with John Humphrys.
9.25 Real Lives: Blow-dry in Vegas. A documentary that follows the fortunes of the British team in the 1984 World Hairdressing Championships in Las Vegas (see Choice).
10.10 Sportsnight introduced by Harry Carpenter. Snooker coverage includes the closing frames of the best of nine first round match between Steve Davis and Alex Higgins; Football features highlights from one of tonight's F.A. Cup fourth round replays; and Skating previews next week's European Championships in Gothenburg, where Britain's hopes in the ice dancing discipline rest on Torvill's and Dean's successors, Karen Barker and Nicky Slater. David Icke reports on their preparations.
12.10 Weather.

TV-am

6.15 Good Morning Britain, presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. News with Jayne Irving at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.39 and 7.37; exercises at 6.50 and 9.20; d-i-y advice at 7.15; Popeye cartoon at 7.23; pop video at 7.54; Michelle Dotrice and her father, Roy, at 8.15; video report at 8.40; gardening advice at 9.05. The guests are Brenda Vacaro and Diane Langton.

ITV/LONDON

9.25 Thames News headlines.
9.30 For Schools: coping with sadness. 9.47 How aircraft are landed safely. 10.04 Using computers. 10.21 Lindsey. Part one of a play about the parents of a child suffering from spina bifida. 10.48 How to look for a job. 11.10 How paper is made. 11.22 Part one of the story The Wild Stallion. 11.39 How we used to live: the year of the Armistice.
12.00 Button Moon. Puppet space adventures. The first of a new series. 12.10 Our Backyard, where the door needs painting. 12.30 Mr and Mrs. Quiz game for married couples.
1.00 News at One with Leonard Parkin. 1.20 Thames news from Robin Houston. 1.30 A Country Practice. Medical drama.
2.25 Home Cookery Club. The recipe for a Fishermen's Special. 2.30 On the Market. Susan Brookes and Trevor Hyatt with news of food bargains on sale this week in the markets.
3.00 Gems. Serial set in the Covent Garden workshops of a fashion design company. 3.25 Thames news headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters.
4.00 Button Moon. A repeat of the programme shown at noon. 4.15 The Moomins. 4.20 Razzmatazz. 4.45 The Book Tower. Neil Innes's guest is novelist, K. M. Peyton (Oracle). 5.15 Blockbusters.
5.45 News. 6.00 Thames news with Andrew Gardner and Tina Jenkins.
6.25 Help! Sally Hawkins with news of Community Service Volunteers' independent living scheme whereby a handicapped person has the chance to live a more independent life by being helped by two or three volunteers.
6.35 Crossroads. Paul Ross is concerned after receiving a letter from the Immigration Department.
7.00 Wish You Were Here ...? Judith Chalmers discovers the delights of Bodrum in Turkey; Chris Kelly reports on Winter Breaks in Norwich; and Shaw Taylor and his wife continue their motoring tour of Brittany (Oracle).
7.30 Coronation Street. Alf out-wits Percy (Oracle).
8.00 This is Your Life, Eamonn Andrews, armed with his big red book, lies in wait to emotionally mug another unsuspecting worthy.
8.30 Moving. Comedy series, based on the hit West End play about the trials and tribulations of trying to sell a house (Oracle).
9.00 Lytton's Diary. The Fleet Street gossip columnist meets an old friend who is involved in a shady deal with an MP (Oracle) (see Choice).
10.00 News at Ten.
10.30 Film: Resurrection (1980) starring Ellen Burstyn and Sam Shepard. Drama about a young women who is paralysed from the waist down following an accident. As she recovers the woman discovers that she has acquired remarkable powers of healing. Directed by Daniel Petrie (Oracle).
12.25 Night Thoughts.



Peter Bowles in Lytton's Diary (ITV, 9.00 pm)

CHOICE

● BLOW DRY IN VEGAS (BBC 1, 9.25pm), this week's *Real Lives* documentary, is about last year's coiffeur Olympics in Las Vegas, in which teams armed with comb, brush, spray, scissors and pins each had 15 minutes to turn their models into crystalized creatures who would not have survived five seconds in even the slightest draught: "The Lord above made the world for us, but the Devil made Las Vegas", someone sings in the film. And Old Nick certainly had a couple of fiendishly clever tricks up his cloak during the world championships: hair-dryers so hot that they melted the combs; penalty points trimmed off the British competitors' scores because their models' hair was a centimetre or so too long (an infringement that did not penalise any other country); scissors that went on snipping after the final whistle had been blown. *Blow Dry in Vegas* gives a whole new meaning to the word skulduggery.

● "Happiness", says Peter Bowles's newspaper diary editor in LYTTON'S DIARY (ITV, 9.00pm) "is putting the page to bed." A former diary editor myself, I should have thought "relief" not "happiness" was *le mot juste*. But as nothing else happens in tonight's instalment of Ray Connolly's newspaper drama series that even remotely reflects my own experience, I must not quibble over trifles. It is, however, quite another kind of bed that brings happiness to Mr Bowles before he wakes up to the nastiness of gutter press journalism.

● A LITTLE TOUCH OF DEATH (Radio 4, 3.00pm), Gillian Tindall's first radio play, is about a wife who discovers a lump on her breast. Whether or not it proves to be cancer, and whether or not it is a life-terminating growth, I must not tell you. What I can say is that Miss Tindall has tackled the theme of the intimation of mortality in a novel and thought-provoking way, although I can imagine some people being slightly shocked by what they might consider the callousness displayed by both the wife and her husband. ... With the financial markets in turmoil (to borrow the headline from yesterday's lead story in *The Times*), tonight's edition of ANALYSIS (Radio 4, 8.45pm) could not be more topical. Mary Goldring interviews Robin Leigh-Pemberton, Governor of the Bank of England.

Peter Davalle

BBC 2

9.00 Ceefax.
9.10 Daytime on Two: Technology: manufacturing in plastics. 9.38 How fish move. 10.00 For the very young. 10.15 Maths: pattern. 10.38 Maths: geometry. 11.00 Words and pictures. 11.17 Music: in the recording studio. 11.39 The growing intelligence of computers. 12.05 The Russian people and their language. 12.30 Implementing the Cockroft Report's recommendations on mathematics teaching.
12.55 Learning English by watching popular television programmes. 1.21 Communications in Spain. 1.38 The story behind the pictures. 2.00 The buildings of ancient Egypt. 2.18 A profile of farmers on the island of St Lucia who grow bananas for the British market. 2.40 Paul Cola is shown how eskimos used to hunt for seals (Ceefax). 3.00 Ceefax.
3.45 International Snooker. The Benson and Hedges Masters first round match between Terry Griffiths and Bill Werbeniuk.
5.25 News summary with subtitles.
5.30 Willo the Wisp (r).
5.35 Fast Forward. Video fun presented by Floella Benjamin, Joanna Monro, Andrew Secombe and Nick Wilton.
6.00 Film: Station West* (1948) starring Dick Powell, Jane Greer and Burl Ives. Western adventure that begins with two soldiers being killed during the robbery of a shipment of gold. Undercover agent, Haven, is sent to the area to discover the murderers and recover the gold. Directed by Sidney Lanfield.
7.30 Flower of the Month. Geoffrey Smith has chosen Heathers and visits a number of heather gardens (r).
7.40 Open Space. Black Going Grey is a programme in which a group of black, elderly people talk about their attitudes to various issues from crime to racial prejudice and loneliness. The people interviewed are all members of the Wandsworth Black Elderly Project, many of whom have lived in Britain all their lives.
8.10 Timewatch, presented by Peter France, examines the first clash between the Trades Unions and the Law – the Taff Vale dispute of 1900; how the people of the Isle of Dogs are rediscovering their past; and traces the events that led to the birth of the Special Branch.
9.00 Anna of the Five Towns. The fourth and final part and Anna, having agreed to marry Henry Mynors, is surprised when her betrothed fails to ask her father for permission to marry his daughter (Ceefax).
10.00 A Tribute to James Cameron, presented by Michael Dean. The celebrated journalist who died on Saturday is remembered by, among others, Michael Foot, Alan Whicker and David Attenborough.
10.45 Newsnight. Ends at 11.35.

CHANNEL 4

2.30 Film: Front Page Woman* (1935) starring Bette Davis and George Brent as reporters on rival newspapers who find their love for each other strained when they are both sent to investigate a murder mystery that is baffling the police. Directed by Michael Curtiz.
4.00 A Plus 4, introduced by Mavis Nicholson. Today, the regular panel of unemployed people review the events of the past month.
4.30 Countdown. Anagrams and mental arithmetic competition.
5.00 Alice. Part two of The Last Stow It. The diner's new owner, the supercilious Randolph Briggs, will not sell the place back to Mel. In desperation Alice calls on the assistance of a mobster named Sam Butler to try and convince Briggs that it would be a good idea to sell up.
5.30 The Mary Tyler Moore Show. Rhoda loses her job but Mary can't bring herself to tell her of the vacancy that has arisen in the newsroom where Mary works.
6.00 Danger Man* John Drake is contacted by an old enemy, Miguel Torras, who surprisingly asks Drake to help him protect the president of Boravia who is to visit London.
6.30 The Living Body. Part 17 of the 26-episode series on the inner workings of the human body examines how much we depend on the body maintaining the correct blood pressure.
7.00 Channel Four News.
7.50 Comment. The political slot this week is filled by Jeremy Hanley, the Conservative MP for Richmond and Barnes.
8.00 The Dragon Has Two Tongues. Wynford Vaughan Thomas and Gwyn Alf Williams continue their history of Wales from different points of view with a divergent analysis of the two centuries following the Norman Conquest.
8.30 Diverse Reports: Cash on Delivery. Christine Chapman reports from Detroit, the city of the United States' first surrogate birth almost a decade ago. Why all the fuss in Britain? asks Miss Chapman. If men can sell their sperm why is it wrong for women to be paid for lending their womb?
9.00 Film: Les Fleurs Sauvages (1984). The last in the short season of French/Canadian films is a bitter-sweet story about the pain of a mother-daughter relationship that is caused by the inevitable generation gap. Seventy-year old Simone spends a few days with her daughter who lives with her husband and son and daughter. Simone's arrival becomes the cause of tension between the three generations of women. Starring Marthe Nadeau, Michele Magny and Claudia Aubin. Directed by Jean Pierre Lefebvre (English subtitles).
11.45 Court Report on the Ponting trial.
12.15 Closedown.

Radio 4

On long wave. † also VHF stereo.

5.55 Shipping. 6.00 News Briefing; Weather. 6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Prayer for the Day.
6.30 Today, including 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought For The Day. 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament. 8.57 Weather; Travel.
9.00 News.
9.05 Midweek: Libby Purves with her studio guests. They include the actor John Hurt.
10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time visits Norfolk for questions from Drayton Horticultural Association.
10.30 Morning Story: Ice Night by Jill Norris. Reader: Shirley Dixon.
10.45 Daily Service (with the Rev Geoffrey Clark).†
11.00 News; Travel; God, Buddha, and The Survival Machine. Jocelyn Ryder-Smith asks people from different walks of life how they see the place of man in the world (r).
11.48 Music Shop. Fritz Spiegl takes a random ramble through the minefield of musicians' jargon and shop-talk. (2): Accompanists, Woodies and Capons.
12.00 News; You And Yours. Consumer affairs, with John Howard.
12.27 Father Brown Stories by G. K. Chesterton. The last of seven dramatized stories "The Sins of Prince Saradine" (r).† 12.55 Weather.
1.00 The World At One: News.
1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping.
2.00 News; Woman's Hour. Today's editon includes an interview with Roger de Grey, President of the Royal Academy. Also: episode 8 of Rumer Godden's The Battle of the Villa Florita, read by Fiona Mathieson.
3.00 The Afternoon Play: A Little Touch of Death, by Gillian Tindall. With Anne Jameson and John Rowe. A couple are forced to reassess their individual needs within their marriage when the wife fears that she has cancer. With Melinda Walker as the hospital nurse (see Choice).†
3.47 Time For Verse. Seven programmes in which Norman MacCaig presents his personal choice of poetry. (5): Work. The readers: Anthony Hyde and Ian Agnew.
4.00 News; File On 4.
4.40 Story Time: "The 27th Kingdom" by Alice Thomas Ellis. Abridged in seven parts. (3): Mrs O'Connor's Turn and Other Flights. Read by Elizabeth Proud.
5.00 PM: News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather.
6.00 The Six O'clock News; Financial Report.
6.30 The best of In One Ear. A last chance to hear Steve Brown, Helen Lederer, Clive Mantle and Nick Wilton.†
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Checkpoint. Presented by Roger Cook, who investigates listeners' complaints.
7.45 Rebels. Hugh Sykes examines the lives of some 20th-century people who rebelled against society' conventions. (4): Paul Robeson (r).
8.15 Domestic Passions. Frances Donnelly uncovers domesticity and the submerged passions of middle-class English womanhood between the world wars.
8.45 Analysis. The Governor of the Bank of England, Robin Leigh-Pemberton, in conversation with Mary Goldring [new series].
9.30 More Wrestling Than Dancing. Six lighthearted talks in which David Moreau recollects his attempts to come to grips with life. (1): Playing Doctors.
9.45 Kaleidoscope. Arts magazine. Includes comment of the film Teachers and the Radio 3 production of The Traveller, by Stewart Parker.
10.15 A Book At Bedtime: "Second from last in the Sack-Race" by David Nobbs (8). Read by Paul Copley. 10.29 Weather.
10.30 The World Tonight, including 11.00 News Headlines.
11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Today in Parliament.
12.00 News; Weather. 12.33am Shipping.

VHF (available in England and S Wales only). Radio 4 vhf is as above, except: 5.55-6.00am Weather; Travel. 11.00-12.00 For Schools: 11.00 Singing Together (13). 11.20 Junior Drama Workshop. 11.40 Contact. 11.55 Topic Songbook (3). 1.55-3.00pm For Schools: 1.55 Listening Corner. 2.05 Something to Think About. 2.15 Quest. 2.35 Pictures in Your Mind (Music). 2.45 Nature. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued). 11.00-11.30 Study On 4: A vous la France! 14: C'etait comme ca. 12.30-1.10am Schools Night-Time Broadcasting: Help Yourself: Biology: Human Physiology. 12.30 The Pump at Work – and in Trouble. 12.50 Wiping the Slate Clean (Liver and Kidneys).

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.
7.05 Your Midweek Choice: Bach's Suite No 3 in D (Bath Festival Orchestra/Menuhin); Elgar's Violin Sonata Op 82 (Sammons/Murdoch); Chopin mazurkas Op 67 No 2, and Op 68 No 2 (Rubinstein, piano).† 8.00 News.
8.05 Your Midweek Choice (contd): Johann Strauss's Intermezzo (1001 Nights) played by German Opera Orchestra, Berlin); Hertel's Concerto 5 (Wilbraham, trumpet); Hovhaness's And God Created Great Whales (Columbia SO); Prokofiev's suite The Love of Three Oranges. (Junge Deutsche Philharmonie, under Chailly). †. 9.00 News.
9.05 This Week's Composer: Debussy. The composer and Walter Gieseking a play Preludes (Book 1); and Gieseking plays Pour le piano.
10.00 Orchestral music: Leopold Mozart's Trumpet Concertoin D (Marsalis, trumpet, and National PO); Michael Haydn's Symphony in D, P11 (Berlin RIAS).
10.40 Smetena and Martinu: Kathron Sturrock (piano). Smetena's Sketches Op 4 and Op 5; Martinu's Eight Preludes, 1930.†
11.20 Langham Chamber Orchestra (under Shipway). Niels Gade's Noveletten Op 58; Panufnik's Landscape; Nielsen's Little Suite Op 1.†
12.15 Concert Hall: Jane Leslie Mackenzie (soprano) and Richard Balcombe (piano). Works by Mozart (including Als Luise die Briefe, K 520); Brahms (including Madchenlieder); Milhaud (Rêves) and Rachmaninov (Lilacs: Harvest of Sorrow).† 1.00 News.
1.05 Stan Tracey: excerpts from The Crompton Suite (with Tracey, Coe, Themen, Wakeman, Babington and Clark Tracey).†
1.30 Matinee Musicale: BBC Scottish SO (under Stapleton), with Geoffrey Trabichoff (violin). Roy Slack's overture Pimlico; Larsson's Prelude Disguised God; Britten's Soirées Musicales; Vaughan Williams's The Lark Ascending; George Maclwham's My Native Land.†
2.30 Elgar: Coull String Quartet, with Richard Markham, play the Piano Quintet in A minor.†
3.10 Theme and Variations: Hindemith's Cello Concerto 1940 (Tibor de Machula, soloist): and Walton's Variations on a theme by Hindemith (Cleveland Orchestra, under Szell).†
4.00 Choral Evensong: from Worcester Cathedral – live:† 4.55 News.
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: another of Michael Berkeley's selections of music.†
6.30 Debut: Jonathan Williams (horn) and Julian Jacobson (piano. Dukas's Villanelle; Beethoven's Sonata in F Op 17; and Poulenc's Elegie.†
7.05 Couperin: Ensemble, under Kuijken, play the Troisieme concert royal.
7.30 The Traveller: Play, by Stewart Parker. The story of a travel writer (played by Donal McCann) who snatches at a colour-supplement commission to explore Britain as if it were a distant land. He discovers "a banal secular travesty of Dante's Inferno". With Christian Rodska, Derek Halligan, Eleanor Bron and Carole Nimmons.†
8.45 Raphael Ensemble: Borodin's String Quintet in F minor: and Arensky's Quartet in A Minor, Op 35.†
9.45 Six Continents: Foreign radio broadcasts, monitored by the BBC. With Angus McDermid.
10.05 BBCC SO (under Dennis Russell Davies). Hodkinson's Bumberboom: Scherzo Diabolique 1982; and Eric Stokes's Symphony(s), Book 1, 1979.†
11.00 Manchester Chamber Concert: Raphael Wallfisch (cello) and Peter Wallfisch (piano). Myaskovsky's Sonata No 1, Op 12; Kodaly's Sonata for solo cello, Op 8.†
11.57 News. Until 12.00.

Radio 2

On medium wave. † also VHF stereo. News on the hour (except 9.00pm). Headlines 5.30am, 6.30, 7.30 and 8.00. 4.00am Colin Berry.† 6.00 Ray Moore.† 8.05 Ken Bruce.† 10.30 Jimmy Young. Lord Young, Minister with special responsibility for combating unemployment, answers listeners' questions. 1.05pm Sports Desk; David Jacobs.† 2.00 Gloria Hunniford † including 2.02; 3.02 Sports Desk. 3.30 Music All The Way.† 4.00 David Hamilton † including 4.02; 5.05 Sports Desk. 6.00 Paul Heiney † including 6.02 Sports Desk; 6.45 Sport and Classified Results (MF) only. 8.00 String Sound.† 8.30 Male Voice Choir of the Year Competition.† 9.15 Listen to the Band.† 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 Cantabile. Four-man singing group. 10.15 The Life of Jim (Jimmy Edwards). 10.30 Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory. 11.00 Round Midnight (stereo from midnight). 1.00am Nightride.† 3.00 Black Magic.† 3.30-4.00 Lucinda Green has ... a Word with Gerald Williams.†

Radio 1

On medium wave. † also VHF stereo. News on the half hour from 6.30am until 9.30pm and at 12 midnight. 6.00am Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 12.00pm Gary Davies including 12.30 Newsbeat. 2.30 Gary Byrd. 5.00 Bruno Brookes including 5.30 Newsbeat. 7.30 Janice Long. 10.00-12.00 midnight John Peel.† VHF RADIOS 1 & 2: 4.00am With Radio 2. 10.00pm With Radio 1.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Report On Religion. 7.45 That's Trad. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 Classical Record Review. 8.30 Mainstream. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Sackbuts And Sinfonias. 10.00 News Summary. 10.01 Church and State. 10.30 Jazz Score. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 Putting Politics in its Place. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Nature Notebook. 12.25 The Farming World. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 1.30 From the Promenade Concerts. 2.00 Outlook. 2.45 Report on Religion. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Classical Guitar. 3.30 Two Cheers For January. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Rock Salad. 4.45 The World Today. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Monitor. 8.00 World News. 8.15 Album Time. 8.45 Recording Of The Week. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 Book Choice. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Putting Politics in its Place. 11.30 Top Twenty. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Two Cheers For January. 1.00 News Summary. 1.01 Outlook. 1.30 Waveguide. 1.40 Book Choice. 1.45 Monitor. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Network UK. 2.30 Assignment. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 Foreign Correspondents. 4.00 Newsdesk. 4.30 Classical Record Review. 5.45 The World Today.

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FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m; 1089kHz/275m; **Radio 2:** 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m; **Radio 3:** 1215kHz/247m: VHF -90-92.5; **Radio 4:** 200kHz 1500m: VHF -92-95; **LBC** 1152kHz/261m; VHF 97.3; **Capital:** 1548kHz/194m: VHF 95.8; BBC **Radio London** 1458kHz/206m: VHF 94.9; **World Service** MF 648kHz/463m.

BBC 1 WALES. 2.57pm-1.00pm News of Wales Headlines. 3.48-3.50 News of Wales Headlines. 5.30-5.35 Interval. 5.35-5.58 Wales Today. 6.30-6.55 Sportfolio. 12.10am-12.15 News and weather. SCOTLAND. 12.57pm-1.00 The Scottish News. 6.30-6.55 Reporting Scotland. 10.10-12.10am Sportscene: International Snooker, Football and Skating 12.10am-12.15 News and weather. NORTHERN IRELAND. 12.57-1.00 Northern Ireland News. 3.48-3.50 Northern Ireland News 5.30-5.58 Channel One. 6.30-6.55 Inside Ulster. 12.10am Weather 12.12-12.15 Channel One update. 12.15-12.20 News and weather. ENGLAND. 6.30pm-6.55 Regional news magazines.

S4C Starts 1.00pm Countdown. 1.30 Baby, Baby! 2.00 Beth, Sut, Pam, Pryd A Ble? 2.20 Ffalabalam. 2.35 Hyn O Fyd. 2.55 Interval. 3.20 Year of the French. 4.15 Me And My Micro. 4.45 Ffalabalam. 4.55 Hanner Awr Fawr. 5.35 Silents Please. 6.00 Brookside. 6.30 Hen Wlad Newydd. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Cytle Arall. 8.00 Yr Achos Hwn. 8.30 Y Byd Ar Bedwar. 9.05 Film: An Almost Perfect Affair. 10.50 Snwcer. 11.20 Diverse Reports. 11.45 Black On Black. 12.45am Closedown.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

TYNE TEES As London except: 9.25-9.30 North East News. 12.30-1.00 Moviemakers. 1.25-1.30 Where the jobs are. 5.15-5.45 Madabout. 6.00-6.02 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 Northern Life. 12.25am International Youth Year. 12.30 Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Silver Spoons. 1.20 News. 1.30-2.30 Hardcastle and McCormick. 5.15-5.45 Whose Baby? 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 News. 12.25am Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Keep it in the family. 1.20-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Phyllis Diller Show. 6.00 Channel report. 6.30 Crossroads. 6.55-7.00 Home Cookery Club. 12.30am Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 It's a Vet's Life. 1.20-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Happy Days. 6.00-6.35 Lookaround. 12.25am News, Closedown.

TSW As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Keep it in the Family. 1.20-1.30 News. 5.15 Gus Honeybun. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30-7.00 Politics South West. 12.25am Postscript, Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 6.00-6.35 About Anglia. 12.25am Seeing and Believing, Closedown.

TVS As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Sullivans. 1.20 News. 1.30 Mr and Mrs. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00-6.35 Coast to Coast. 12.30am Company, Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 North News. 6.00-6.35 North Tonight. 12.25am News. Closedown.

HTV As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Benson. 1.20 News. 1.30-2.00 Simon and Simon. 5.15-5.45 Three Little Words. 6.00-6.35 News. 12.25am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.35 Wales at Six.

SCOTTISH As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Job Spot. 1.35-3.00 Film: Showdown. Audie Murphy western. 3.30-4.00 Report Back. 6.00-6.35 News and Scotland Today. 12.25am Late Call, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Calendar Health Club. 1.20 News. 1.30-2.30 Falcon Crest. 5.15-5.45 Survival. 6.00-6.35 Calendar. 12.25am Closedown

GRANADA As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Sullivans. 1.20 Granada Reports. 1.30 On the Market. 2.00-4.00 Music Scholarship. 5.15-5.45 Survival. 6.00 This is Your Right. 6.05 Crossroads. 6.30-7.00 Granada Reports. 12.30am Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Portraits of Power: De Gualle. 1.20-1.30 Lunchtime. 3.30-4.00 Paint Along with Nancy. 5.15-5.45 Survival. 6.00-6.35 Good Evening Ulster. 12.25am News, Closedown.

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"A performance full of sensitivity" BBC
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GREAT EXPECTATIONS
Adapted and Directed by Peter Coe
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SAMANTHA EGGAR ALAN DOBIE
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A New Comedy by DARIO FO
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SHEILA WHITE
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and
BEN CROSS
in
HERMAN WOUK'S
THE CAINE MUTINY COURT-MARTIAL
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THE SECRET DIARY OF
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AGED 13¾
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ART GALLERIES

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ROYAL ACADEMY, Piccadilly 01-734 9053 CHAGALL - until 31 March. Open 10-6 daily inc Sun Adm: £2.50, £1.70 concessionary rate and until 1.45 pm on Sundays

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£250,000 sought in vaccine damage test case

The parents of a brain-damaged boy aged nine claimed £250,000 damages in the Court of Session in Edinburgh yesterday on the grounds that his condition was caused by a whooping cough vaccination when he was a baby.

The action is regarded as a test case, for other claims for vaccine-damaged children are pending. The parents have already been paid £10,000 under the Vaccine Damage Payments Act, 1979.

Mr John Bonthrone and his wife, Iris, formerly of Dunfermline, who live in Embo, Sutherland, have brought the case jointly against Fife Health Board, their general practitioner, Dr C. Barton, and Mrs H. Albiston, a health visitor attached to Dr Barton's group practice but employed by the Health Board.

The Bothrones' son Richard, born in October 1975, had the first of a series of vaccinations for whooping cough, diphtheria and tetanus on February 25, 1976, according top written pleadings. He had a second whooping vaccination three months later.

His mother claimed she was not nformed and did not know that the vaccinatiin carried a risk of serious and permanent side effects, and she was not told there was an alternative vaccine omitting whooping cough.

Before the vaccination, she said, Richard was a normal, healthy baby. Shortly afterwards he developed an abnormal movement of his left arm and was sick repeatedly. Eight days after the second vaccination he had a convulsion and later suffered as many as 30 a day.

It was later found he had suffered severe and irreversible brain damage.

The health board and the health visitor, who deny liability, said in written pleadings, that the family's elder son had the vaccination and the mother was familiar with the procedures. It was believed the health visitor mentioned to the mother that vaccinations sometimes produce side effects.

Dr Barton also denies liability. Had the mother told him of any symptoms he would not have given the second vaccination, he said.

When evidence began before Lord Jauncey yesterday Mrs Bonthrone told the court that Richard was a healthy baby until he had his first vaccination.

The hearing continues and the evidence is expected to last for several weeks. Judgment will be reserved.

Portugal crisis talks after bomb wave

From Martha de la Cal, Lisbon

Senhor Mario Soares,the Portuguese Prime Minister, called a "crisis cabinet" meeting yesterday after a wave of terrorist bomb attacks in which one man died.

On Monday evening Senhor Sidonio Cabanelas, national motor racing champion, was killed by a parcel bomb at his father's bus company in the northern town of Vila Real. His secretary was severely injured.

At dawn yesterday an explosion damaged the house of Senhor Jose Romano Colaco, a landowner, at CastroVerde in the south.

The attacks were claimed by the FP-25 left-wing terrorist group believed responsible for firing three grenades at Nato ships in Lisbon on Monday

● ROME: Senator Giovanni Spadolini, the Italian Defence Minister, has criticized France for being too lax in granting political asylum to extremists, thereby allowing the formation on French soil of a "terrorist multinational" (John Earle writes)

● BONN: Three imprisoned terrorists in West Germany have given up a hunger strike after eight weeks, the Ministry of the Interior said yesterday, but 26 other prisoners are still refusing to eat (Michael Binyon writes).

Dons exercise a degree of choice



Waiting to vote: The Rev Graham Midgley Fellow of St Edmund Hall (left) sharing umbrellas outside the Sheldonian. (Photographs: John Voos).

Oxford's dons vote to snub Prime Minister

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All Souls, who proposed the award of an honorary Doctor of Civil Law degree to Mrs Thatcher on the grounds of tradition. Professor Pulzer said there was a time to respect tradition and a time to subvert it.

"To say no to the special resolution is to send a signal to the government over which our Prime Minister presides; a signal that enough is enough and that we urge an immediate drastic and radical reassessment of the policies which she has pursued.

"To say no is to draw attention to the chasm which now exists between Government and the academic community in this country. It is in nobody's interest to deny or to minimize its existence."

Sir Patrick Neill, the mover of the motion that Mrs Thatcher receive the award, was supported by Lord Quinton, president of Trinity college, and Miss Daphne Park, principal of Somerville, where Mrs Thatcher was an undergraduate and of which she is an honorary fellow.

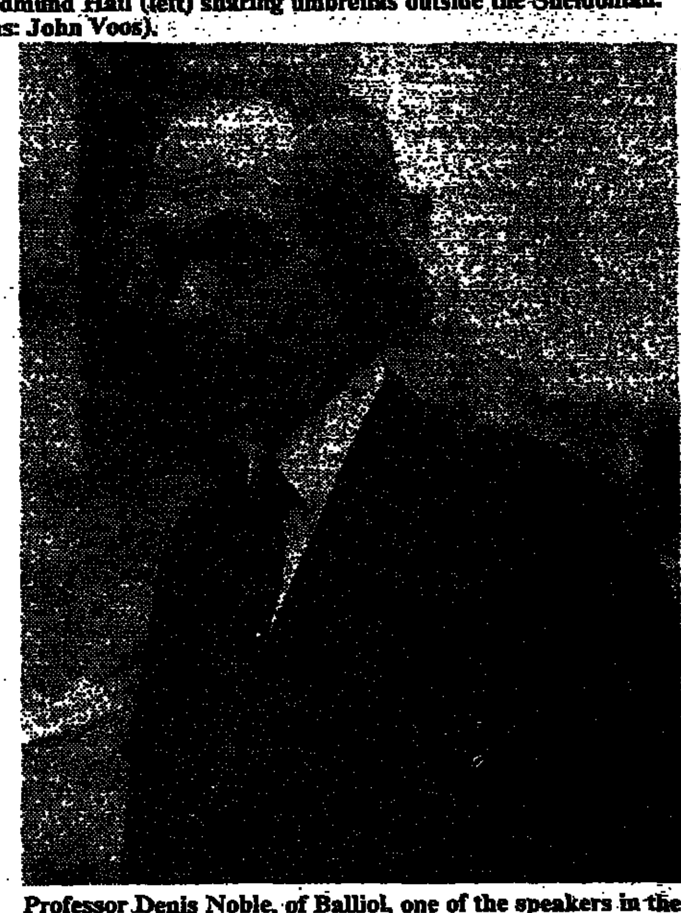
One of Mrs Thatcher's most spirited supporters was Dr Nick Shrimpton, a lecturer in English, who declared: "The lady is not for spurning." He said to reject her was a characteristic piece of Oxford arrogance.

● A Downing Street spokesman said last night that Mrs Thatcher had thought it "very gracious" when the university's hebdomadel council originally proposed she should be given an honorary degree. "However it is entirely in the hands of the university. If they don't wish to confer an honour, she is the last person to wish to receive it."

Mr Giles Radice, Labour's chief education spokesman, said he was "delighted" because the Government had done so much damage to universities. "Mrs Thatcher has got her just reward. It would have been ridiculous to give her an honorary degree," he said.

● The Association of University Teachers, which represents 32,000 members, welcomed the vote

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Professor Denis Noble, of Balliol, one of the speakers in the debate.

Israelis pull out

Militias try to avert Lebanon civil war

From Robert Fisk, Elman, Lebanon

Under the distant gaze of the last soldiers of Israel's departing Army, Christian and Musli.. Lebanese militiamen along their front line north of the Awali river are gathering daily at a half-ruined villa above the Mediterranean in an effort to prevent their vulnerable coastal territory being torn apart in civil war when the Israelis finish their withdrawal.

Already, the Phalangists along the coast road have ordered their men to wear civilian clothes and have even permitted Shiite Muslims from Beirut to travel south and picnic on the beaches.

The Israeli Army has now evacuated all its equipment from Sidon and save for the convoys of lorries still driving through it, the city is already passing perceptibly into the hands of new masters.

There was considerable swiping in the Palestinian camp at Ein Helwe early yesterday morning between guerrillas loyal to Mr Yassir Arafat and those working for the pro-Syrian Abu Moussa. In Damascus, Mr Rashid Karami, the Lebanese Prime Minister, was holding urgent talks with President Assad about the Lebanese Army's plans to take control of Sidon.

High on the cliffs above the Awali river, most Israeli positions now stand deserted with only a few small units watching northwards through binoculars or sending patrols through the orchards by the shore of the shallow river. At the Bissri river checkpoint to the east, the Israeli troops expect to be moved out on Monday or Tuesday next week, although the main base on the Mountain above them has already been evacuated.

Mr Hanni Kazzeh, one of the local Phalangist commanders in the Kharroub, yesterday ordered the last of his militiamen to leave their own positions opposite the Sunni Muslim Progressive Socialist Party front lines above the Mediterranean. "We now have no military presence in the district and are trusting that the Leganese Army on the coast road can maintain security," he said.

The Phalangists believe that the only serious battle to break out in Sidon in the wake of Israel's departure will be between Palestinian factions in Ein Helwe. Mr Kazzah agreed that this could spill over into other areas of the city.

"But journalists are painting too black a picture at the moment," he said. "It may be bad in Sidon but I think the Press is exaggerating the situation. We are doing everything we can to make sure there is no civil war."

Lebanese troops are still positioned a few hundred yards from the Awali River bridge, although they have not yet persuaded Druse gunmen to leave the roadside south of Beirut, thus failing to give Christians sufficient confidence to travel by highway to the capital.

In Damascus, Mr Karami accused the Israelis of trying to stir up sectarian hatred in Sidon. He still intends to order the Lebanese Army into the city when the Israelis go.

Heseltine aide in camera

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the dock. Mr Laughland said he needed to be advised so that he did not "blunder into security matters in open court."

The case continues today.

● Channel Four appeared yesterday to have found a way round a judge's order banning its slightly re-creations of the Ponting trial (Our Legal Affairs correspondent writes).

There was no reaction to its coverage, which used news broadcasters instead of actors, from Mr Justice McCowan, who ordered on Monday that the programmes be banned in their proposed format until the jury reached a verdict or until further notice. Channel Four said they will be continuing the broadcasts.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

New exhibition

Painting, Drawing and Sculpture, 1959-84, by Michael Kidner, Hatton Gallery, The University, Newcastle upon Tyne; Mon to Fri 10 to 5, Sat 10 to 4.30 (ends March 2).

Exhibitions in progress

By Rivers and Seas, City Museum, West Park, Sheffield; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 11 to 5 (ends March 16).

Work's by Robert Doisneau, Untitled Gallery, 171 Howard Road, Sheffield; Tues to Sat 10 to 5.30 (ends Feb 9).

Paintings by Anne Curtis, and The Bridge by Victor Burgin; Mappin Art Gallery, Western Park, Sheffield; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (ends Feb 10).

Paintings by Steven Campbell; drawings and watercolours by Colin Self, Fruitmarket Gallery, Market Street, Edinburgh; Mon to Sat 10 to 6, Sun 2 to 6 (ends Feb 23).

Urban Portraits – etchings, lithographs and mezzotints by Anthony Davies, Printmakers' Workshop, Union Street, Edinburgh; Mon to Sat 10 to 5.30 (ends Feb 2).

Leaves Never Grow on Trees, Max Ernst's *Histoire Naturelle*; Museum and Art Gallery, Museum Street, Blackburn, Lancashire; Mon to Sat 9.30 to 5 (ends Feb 2).

Vivien John Retrospective 1930-1984; Phoenix Gallery, Lavenham, Suffolk; Mon to Fri 10 to 5.30, Sat 10 to 6, Sun 2 to 6 (ends Feb 19).

Henri Matisse; sculpture and drawings; Leeds City Art Gallery, The Headrow, Leeds, Mon to Fri 10 to 6, Wed till 9, Sat 10 to 4, Sun 2 to 5 (ends Mar 24).

Art in Production: Soviet Textiles, Fashion and Ceramics 1917-1935; Museum of Modern Art, 30 Pembroke Street, Oxford, Tues to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (ends Feb 5).

Music

Recital by David Bray (trumpet) and Jonathan Jones (organ), Robinson College Chapel, Cambridge, 8.15.

Concert by Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, The Congress Theatre Eastbourne, 7.30.

Piano recital by Lawrence Glover, Stevenson Hall Glasgow, 7.30.

Handel's *Messiah* by Leeds Polytechnic Choral Society, Beckett Park Hall, Leeds, 7.30.

Concert by Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, Winter Gardens, Bournemouth, 7.30.

Concert by Scottish Chamber Orchestra, Younger Hall, St Andrews, 8.

Piano recital by Alicia de Larrocha, St David's Hall, Cardiff, 7.30.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Debate on *inspector's report on Stansted airport*.

Lords (2.30): Debates on drug trafficking, disarmament, and on policing London buses.

Anniversaries

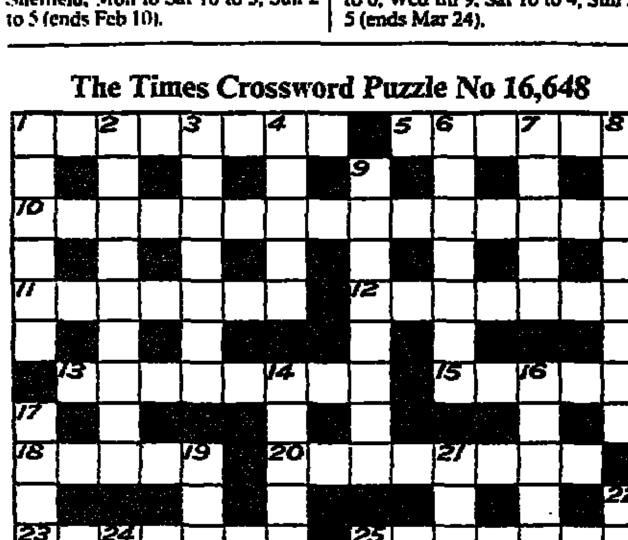
Births: Walter Savage Landor, writer, Warwick, 1775; Franklin D. Roosevelt, 32nd President of the United States, Hyde Park, New York, 1882.

Deaths: Charles I (reigned 1625-49), executed, London, 1649; Charles Bradlaugh, radical, London, 1891; Charles Haddon Spurgeon, Baptist minister, Menton France, 1892; Mahatma Gandhi, Delhi, 1948.

Steam train guide

A free pocket-sized guide to steam railways, centres and museums throughout the British Isles has been produced by BP Oil Limited for the Association of Railway Preservation Societies. The guide provides the location, telephone number and open days of 94 sites. Copies of the 1985 *Guide to Steam Trains in the British Isles* from A.R.P.S Ltd, C/o Transport Trust, Marylebone Station, London, NW1 6JR (send 9" x 4" s.a.e).

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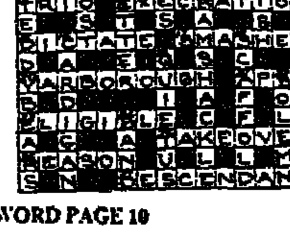
ACROSS

1 Opened up by fish in the bottom of the sea (8).
5 Lunar excursionist shows way to bracket centre of bull (6).
10 The Times leader is far from vague (8,7).
11 Subtle science (7).
12 Mrs Coster – for whom everything had a moral (7).
13 This was eminently unresponsive to the prophet's command (5).
15 One's in the right not to get up (3,2).
18 Poet appears sound, we hear, if undecided? (5).
20 Decoration for soldier sent back in relief perhaps (8).
23 Music from this, or round about, in a finale (7).
25 Centre half certain to get the blame (7).
26 Scientific impossibility demonstrated by Tennyson's brook (9,6).
27 Does change include copper coin? (6).
28 One is back in solid shape? Go on! (8).

DOWN

1 Whence poor beggar Tom ambled perhaps (6).
2 Like one's nose for a rose (look up the plant) (9).
3 Naafi's supply of cutlery (7).
4 Registration of points score at Twickenham (5).
6 Like the glass of spirit measure, a pound (7).
7 Pawnee family man (5).
8 Service giving no odds on geldings at first (8).
9 News comprising all such points (8).
14 Inspiration causes no end of a fuss about accommodation (8).
16 Topping performance! (9).
17 Separate ring up in 7 (8).
19 Pay for cloth – remit, including gratuity (7).
21 Might it bang out in a new form of diplomacy? (7).
22 In which Mr Sludge's tables are turned? (6).
24 "So geographers, in —— -maps, With savage pictures fill their gaps" (Swift) (5).
25 Music-maker turned into tax-collector (5).

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CONCISE CROSSWORD PAGE 10

New books – hardback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:

Essays by Divers Hands XLIII, Transactions of the Royal Society of Literature (Boydell & Brewer, £9.95)

France Observed in the Seventeenth Century by British Travellers, by John Lough (Oriel, £30)

Modern Italy 1871-1982, by Martin Clark, (Longman, £9.95)

Poems by the Bronte Sisters, the early work of Charlotte, Emily and Anne Bronte, introduced by M. R. D. Seaward (A. & C. Black, £4.95)

The New Oxford Book of Canadian Verse in English, chosen by Margaret Atwood (Oxford, £9.50)

The Penguin Rhyming Dictionary, by Rosalind Fergusson (Viking, £12.95)

The Travels of Lord Charlemont in Greece and Turkey 1749, edited by W. B. Stanford and E. J. Finopoulos (Trigraph, £13.50)

Toff Down Pit, by Kit Fraser (Quartet, £8.95)

Tractate on the Jews, The Significance of Judaism for Christian Faith, by Franz Mussner, translated and introduced by Leonard Swidler (SPCK, £17.50)

Women in Anglo-Saxon England and the impact of 1066, by Christine Fell (British Museum, £15)

PH

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.42	1.36
Austria Sch	25.65	24.45
Belgium Fr	73.80	70.00
Canada $	1.535	1.465
Denmark Kr	13.10	12.45
Finland Mkk	7.72	7.32
France Fr	11.20	10.65
Germany Dm	3.65	3.50
Greece Dr	160.00	149.00
Hong Kong $	9.15	8.65
Ireland Pt	1.19	1.13
Italy Lira	2265.00	2155.00
Japan Yen	297.00	281.00
Netherlands Gld	4.15	3.95
Norway Kr	10.62	10.12
Portugal Esc	198.00	186.00
South Africa Rd	2.51	2.36
Spain Pta	202.00	192.00
Sweden Kr	10.48	9.88
Switzerland Fr	3.05	2.92
USA $	1.16	1.11
Yugoslavia Dnr	290.00	270.00

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Retail Price Index: 358.5

London: The *FT* Index closed down 16.7 at 961.2

The papers

"Uncertainty over the Government's handling of the economy is providing the ammunition" for the crisis in the markets, the Daily Star says. "In the short term, there seem very few things the Government won't sacrifice to prove that the days of dither are over. Certainly not interest rates. Possibly not tax cuts. The message to all of us is: Tighten you belts.

"Everyone, that is, apart from big-spending ministers like Michael Heseltine, who told MPs yesterday that he's as determined as ever to press ahead with the Trident missile programme."

Roads

Midlands: M6: Contraflow between junctions 10A ad 11 (Cannock) in Staffordshire; No southbound access to Hilton Park services. Outside lanes closed both ways between junctions 3 and 4 (Bedworth and Birmingham). A5: Contraflow SE of Tamworth in Staffordshire.

North: M621: Resurfacing both ways between Gildersome and Beeston near Leeds. M534: Temporary traffic lights on Crewe Road at Winterley in Cheshire. M6: Lane restrictions both ways between junctions 32 and 33 (M55 and A6) in Lancashire.

Wales and West: M5: Lane closures southbound between junction 8 (M50) and 9 (Tewkesbury).

A55: Single lane, temporary signals at Llanfairfechan between Conwy and Bangor. A470: Single lane, temporary signals at Erwood between Builth and Llyswen.

Scotland: Two lanes only on Randolph Crescent, Edinburgh, at junction with Queensferry Street. A7: Single lane, temporary lights five miles south of Hawick.

A77: Single lane, temporary lights south of Girvan, Strathclyde, 8am to 4pm.

Information supplied by the AA.

Wildfowl ban ends

A ban on wildfowling in England and Wales imposed on January 16 because of severe wintry conditions is lifted from today. A similar ban is in force in Scotland.

Snow reports

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Off Piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5 pm)	°C
Andermatt	50	164	good	varied	good	fine	-5
Good skiing all runs							
Andorra-Soldeu	20	50	fair	varied	poor	cloud	+2
Lower slopes rocky							
Arosa	70	100	good	powder	good	sun	-2
Good skiing on upper slopes							
Courmayeur	130	250	good	heavy	good	fine	0C
All slopes excellent							
Crans Montana	40	150	good	varied	fair	snow	-3
New snow on good base							
Grindelwald	50	120	good	varied	good	fine	-1
Good skiing all areas							
Isola	5	25	icy	closed	worn	fine	+4
Spring conditions							
Klosters	30	140	good	varied	fair	fine	0C
Light powder on upper slopes							
La Plagne	70	180	good	powder	fair	fine	-6
New snow in good base							
Murren	45	155	good	powder	good	fine	-7
Good skiing everywhere							
St Anton	35	140	good	powder	good	sun	+2
Skiing conditions improved							
Seefeld	30	40	fair	heavy	fair	clear	+4
Some new snow, still icy							
Val Thorens	100	210	good	powder	good	clear	-8
Powder on hard base							
Wengen	25	80	fair	varied	fair	cloud	0C
Good skiing upper slopes							
Zermatt	30	90	fair	varied	fair	sun	-1
Good skiing upper slopes							

In the above reports, supplied by the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. Other snow reports, page 21.

Portfolio

Portfolio – how to play

Monday–Saturday record your daily Portfolio total.

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Weather forecast

A ridge of high pressure over Britain will move away E. Frontal troughs from Atlantic cross W districts late in the day.

6 am to midnight

London, SE, Central S, Central N, NE England, East Anglia, Midlands, Channel Islands: Dry, sunny intervals at first, becoming cloudy, rain spreading from W; wind NW light, backing SW; max 8 to 10C (46 to 50F).

SW, NW England, Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man: Becoming cloudy, rain and drizzle spreading from W, hill and coastal fog; wind SW, light, increasing moderate; max 9 to 11C (48 to 52F).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, SW, NE Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, Orkney, Shetland: Becoming cloudy, rain spreading from W; wind W, moderate, becoming SW, fresh; max 5 to 8C (43 to 46F).

Argyll, NW Scotland, N Ireland: Cloudy with rain, heavy in places, clearer with showers later; wind SW, moderate, becoming strong; max 7 to 9C (45 to 48F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Changeable, rain at times, some drier, brighter interludes in most areas. Mild or very mild generally.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind NW backing SW, fresh or strong; occasional rain; visibility moderate with fog patches; sea moderate or rough. St George Channel Irish Sea: Wind S or SW, strong, increasing severe gale; occasional rain; visibility moderate with fog patches; sea rough, becoming very rough.





b-blue sky; bc-blue sky and cloud; c-cloudy; o-overcast; f-fog; d-drizzle; h-hail; m-mist; r-rain; s-snow; th-thunderstorms; p-showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled. Temperatures in Fahrenheit.

Sun rises: 7.42 am
Sun sets: 4.46 pm
Moon sets: 2.09 am
Moon rises: 11.10 am
Full Moon: February 5.

Lighting-up time

London 5.16 pm to 7.11 am
Bristol 7.26 pm to 7.20 am
Edinburgh 5.12 pm to 7.40 am
Manchester 5.18 pm to 7.28 am
Penzance 5.43 pm to 7.28 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	c	8	46	Guernsey	c	8	46
Birmingham	r	10	50	Inverness	f	7	45
Blackpool	r	7	45	Jersey	c	9	48
Bristol	r	11	52	London	[illegible]	11	52
Cardiff	r	11	52	Manchester	r	10	50
Edinburgh	f	8	46	Newcastle	c	10	50
Glasgow	c	9	48	Ronaldsway	f	10	50

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 12C (54F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 8C (46F). Humidity: 6 pm, 94 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.01in. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm nil. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,013.0 millibars, falling.

1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Chivenor, 13C (55F); lowest day max: Glasgow, 6C (43F); highest rainfall: Anglesey, 0.39in; highest sunshine, Stornoway, 4.1hr.

High tides

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	7.33	5.8	8.20	5.6
Aberdeen	7.49	3.1	7.55	3.2
Avonmouth	12.22	9.9	1.03	9.9
Belfast	5.27	2.7	5.53	2.9
Cardiff	12.07	9.3	12.48	9.3
Devonport	11.36	4.3	-	-
Dover	4.54	5.3	5.40	4.9
Falmouth	10.58	4.1	11.48	4.0
Glasgow	6.31	4.1	7.12	4.3
Harwich	8.21	3.2	8.08	3.0
Holyhead	4.30	4.2	4.55	4.3
Hull	-	-	12.27	5.6
Ilfracombe	11.55	8.7	-	-
Leith	8.52	4.2	9.05	4.3
Liverpool	5.01	7.0	5.34	7.1
Lowestoft	3.07	2.0	4.32	1.7
Margate	5.48	3.8	6.32	3.7
Milford Haven	-	-	12.17	5.1
Newquay	11.17	5.3	11.50	5.1
Oban	-	-	12.35	3.2
Penzance	10.44	4.3	11.35	4.2
Portland	11.52	1.4	-	-
Portsmouth	5.23	3.8	5.55	3.3
Shoreham	4.54	4.7	5.20	4.4
Southampton	5.01	3.7	5.27	3.5
Swansea	-	-	12.14	7.7
Tees	10.17	4.0	10.24	4.2
Walton-on-Naze	5.28	3.2	6.14	3.2

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

Around Britain

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F	
EAST COAST					
Scarboro	-	.09	8	46	drizzle
Bridlington	-	.14	8	46	rain
Cromer	-	.18	10	50	rain
Lowestoft	-	.02	6	43	rain
Clacton	-	.02	7	45	rain
Margate	-	.03	7	45	rain
SOUTH COAST					
Folkestone	-	.01	8	46	fog
Hastings	-	.04	9	48	fog
Eastbourne	-	.02	10	50	fog
Brighton	-	.06	8	46	fog
Worthing	-	.06	8	46	drizzle
Littlehampton					
Bognor R	-	.05	8	46	drizzle
Southsea	-	.03	9	48	cloudy
Sandown					
Shanklin	-	.04	10	50	drizzle
Bournemouth	-	.05	10	50	dull
Poole	-	.02	10	50	drizzle
Swanage	-	.02	10	50	dull
Weymouth	-	.02	10	50	fog
Exmouth	-	.04	11	52	drizzle
Teignmouth	-	.05	11	52	dull
Torquay	-	.05	11	52	drizzle
Falmouth					
Penzance	-	.32	12	54	rain
Jersey	-	.15	10	50	cloudy
Guernsey	-	.16	12	54	cloudy
WEST COAST					
Scilly Isles	-	.33	12	54	drizzle
Newquay	-	.35	12	54	rain
Ilfracombe	-	.17	12	54	rain
Tenby					
Colwyn Bay	-	.46	11	52	rain
Blackpool	-	.35	9	48	rain
Morecambe	-	.65	8	46	rain
Douglas	-	.27	10	50	rain
ENGLAND AND WALES					
London (C'tr)	-	.07	12	54	rain
B'ham (Airpt)	-	.14	11	52	rain
Bristol (Ctr)					
Cardiff (Ctr)	-	.32	13	55	rain
Anglesey	-	.39	10	50	rain
Manchester	-	.50	10	50	rain
Nottingham	-	.24	10	50	rain
N'castle-o-Tyne	-	-	10	50	cloudy
Carlisle	0.1	-	10	50	rain
SCOTLAND					
Eskdalemuir	0.1	.18	6	43	fog
Prestwick	0.1	.37	10	50	cloudy
Glasgow	0.1	.36	9	48	drizzle
Tiree	1.8	.19	9	48	rain
Stornoway	4.1	.32	9	48	rain
Lerwick	-	.27	7	45	rain
Wick	0.8	.03	7	45	cloudy
Kinloss	1.4	-	9	48	cloudy
Aberdeen	-	-	9	48	cloudy
St Andrews	0.1	-	7	45	cloudy
Edinburgh	-	-	8	46	cloudy
NORTHERN IRELAND					
Belfast	0.4	.15	9	48	cloudy

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

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